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E N Q U I R Y

INTO

THE SITUATION

OF

THE EAST INDIA COMPANY,

FROM PAPERS LAID BEFORE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

IN THE YEARS 1787 AND 1788.

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AN ENQUIRY, &c.

HOWEVER invidious any publication, which tends to create a general disquietude, may appear, yet the very extraordinary and unwarrantable mode of reasoning, which has been repeatedly adopted, relative to the East-India Company's affairs, will, in some degree, apologize for my conduct.

I feel myself, indeed, fully justified, on this occasion, by the declaration of all parties, that a true and public state of those important concerns should be obtained, (let the situation of the Company's affairs be what it might) as the only means of providing for the safety and security of their creditors, with a due regard to the general interest of the public.

Conscious, at the same time, of the inefficiency of arguments, which are not supported by proof, I applied myself to the examination of such papers, as have been laid before the House of Commons, and by arranging and presenting them in various points of view, I am enabled to give the Public a more complete idea of the real state of the Company's affairs, than they have hitherto been in possession of, and

to expose the fallacy of assertions, which have gained too much credit from the official situation of their authors.

As the truth of what I shall advance, will appear from the papers called for by the most active Member of the Board of Controul, I cannot possibly be liable to contradiction, on any point of consequence; nor shall it be said that I have in the least heightened the picture of distress by putting any one article, on which my own opinion decided, in a point of view less favorable than it is entitled to. Following then the same mode of stating the Company's accounts, article by article, as the Directors did in 1783, to which no person of candor can object, I shall incontrovertibly prove, first, that the Company's debts are, at present 5,544,363l. 6s. sterling more than stated to have been at that period; secondly, that their effects in Europe and India are 2,301,638l. sterling less; and, lastly, that the Company is consequently deficient 3,877,520l. 6s. sterling (in place of having a surplus of 3,968,481l. sterling, as stated formerly) and subject, at the same time, to several deductions from their supposed effects, which would justify a much more unfavourable statement. I must also take notice, that 1,200,000l. sterling has been raised on the Proprietors since the year 1783, (by creating 800,000l. new stock), which ought, in justice, to be added in this comparative statement, and makes the whole loss to those Proprietors (independent of the above 3,877,520l. 6s. 6d. sterling to their creditors) 6,500,000l. sterling, being the present value of 4,000,000l. stock.

It is not my intention to enquire, if this alarming difference of 9,046,001l.* between the accounts then presented, and those to which I

* £. 5,544,363 increased debts,
 2,301,638 decreased effects,
 1,200,000 for £.800,000 new stock.

 £. 9,046,001 sterling.

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now allude, can, in any degree, be ascribed to mismanagement; but I shall be fully justified by past experience, in cautioning the Public against the Indian estimates of annual receipt and expenditure, which were presented to the House of Commons during the last Session of Parliament, as I attribute, in a great degree, the apparent change in the Company's affairs to the fallacy of former accounts, and to the ignorance of those who supported the delusion.

Having bound myself, however, to adhere, on this occasion, to the Company's Papers, as my evidence, I shall, in the first instance, consider their Indian estimates as entitled to complete credit; and only correct the European cash estimates, where error appears manifest and undeniable.

This correction is, on my part, indispensable, as I intend to prove the necessity, which the Company will be under, of borrowing, at least, 1,500,000*l.* sterling, for the purpose of fulfilling their engagements to the 1st of March, 1790.

It will, no doubt, seem extraordinary, that such different conclusions, respecting the Company's situation, should be drawn from the same evidence; but it must be recollected, that at the very time it was asserted, with an air of triumph, which defied suspicion, that the Company were diminishing their debts one million per annum, from an actual surplus in India; the proofs adduced in support of that declaration, tended merely to shew, how the debt in India diminished, in the exact proportion as it was transferred to England; and that by means of the balance arising annually in India, there would be a large sum at the disposal of the Governor and Council, for the purpose of investments to Europe and China, without drawing bills on the Company for that specific purpose. This balance, in India, was also stated to be considerably aided by the amount of goods and stores, sent annually
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for sale, as well as by money paid into the treasury, for certificates to captains and officers, and by granting bills to judges, instead of paying their salaries. It was further intended to transfer more of the debt in India to England, by which means the interest payable there would considerably decrease.

To these conclusions I perfectly agree ; but I at the same time assert, that it by no means gives any idea of the real state of the Company's affairs, because all the resources abovementioned (excepting the actual surplus from revenue throughout all India) become annual charges at home ; and that various other incumbrances exist in England, of which no notice is taken, and which even counterbalance the actual surplus in India. In order that this matter may be perfectly understood, I have, in the annexed account A, of annual receipt and expenditure in India and Europe, stated every thing, excepting their trade, which leaves the commercial profits of the Company to be separately discussed, and creates, in the mean time, an annual balance of 24,163l. sterling in their favor.

To elucidate, however, more fully the subject, I shall say a few words on each article, giving in the Appendix such documents as are necessary for ascertaining the correctness of my statement.

Account of annual Receipt, and Expenditure in India and England.

The first article on the credit side refers to No. I, in the Appendix, which supposes an annual surplus in Bengal of current rupees, 1,99,86,505. The deductions from that surplus commence with a sum of current rupees, 2,16,720, for the remission to be granted on an annual tribute, as stated in a memorandum of that account, which is
equally

equally the case with the second deduction of current rupees 14,59,280, for an intended abolition of customs, which produced annually that sum.

The third deduction of current rupees, 10,42,000, for the Company's commercial charges, is stated at the bottom of the debit side of that account not to have been included therein, and the last sum of current rupees 1,11,000, appears also necessary to be deducted from the memorandum, which says, that it is in fact a balance of former years, altho' included in the annual estimate. These sums, amounting together to current rupees 28,29,000, reduce the balance of revenue in Bengal to current rupees, 1,71,57,000.

The second article refers to No. II. in the Appendix, which states 95,256 Madras pagodas to be the annual surplus arising to the Company in their settlements on the coast of Coromandel, making at exchange 425 rupees per 100 pagodas, in current Bengal rupees, 4,04,838, and added to the above surplus of 1,71,57,505, increases it to current rupees, 1,75,62,343

The third article refers to No III. in the Appendix, and arises from an annual charge against the Company in their settlements on the Malabar coast of Bombay, rupees 24,74,644, at exchange 116 current rupees for 100 Bombay rupees, makes current rupees 28,70,687 ; and deducted from the last stated balance of current rupees 1,75,62,343, reduces it to current rupees 1,46,91,656.

The fourth article of current rupees, 14,00,000, for the increased cavalry, and further expences to be incurred in the different settlements in India by the four new regiments sent out, was stated by Mr. Dundas at about 146,000l. sterling, or current rupees 14,60,000.

The fifth article of 53,53,341 for the present annual interest on the different debts in India, appears by No. IV. in the Appendix, and it may be here necessary for me to remark, in order to remove every doubt on the subject, that this charge of interest is independent of the civil charges stated in the estimates of the several presidencies, No. I. II. and III. and consequently is not included therein.

The sixth and last article of current rupees 8,71,680, for the Company's annual expences at Fort Marlborough, St. Helena, and Prince of Wales's Island, refers to No. V. and VI. in the Appendix,

The first stating for Fort Marlborough,	-	£. 27,650
The second for St. Helena	-	24,918

In all, £. 52,568

at exchange 2s. per rupee, makes current rupees 5,25,680, and by the Bengal estimate of payments and receipts from 1st of May 1787, to 1st May 1788, (No. VII. in the Appendix) current rupees 3,46,000 are stated as the expences of the civil and military in the Prince of Wales's Island; these three sums form a total of current rupees 8,71,680, and with the other two of current rupees 53,53,341, and current rupees 14,00,000, make together the value of current rupees 76,25,021, which remains still to be deducted from the surplus of current rupees 1,46,91,656, and reduces of course the net balance arising throughout all India to current rupees 70,66,635, making at exchange 2s. per current rupee, the sum of 706,663l. 10s. od. sterling. My reasons for stating the exchange at 2s. per current rupee, instead of 2s. 3d. as the Company has hitherto done, will be hereafter explained, although the consideration of their attempt to transfer their debts to Europe at 20d. having proved ineffectual, while they continue at the same time to state their receipt in that country at 27d. would most probably justify me in the eyes of the public for taking a kind of medium between those extremes.

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I shall now proceed to the debit side of that account, by observing, that the first article of 320,000*l.* per annum, as a dividend of 8 per cent. on 4,000,000*l.* East India stock, is too well known to need any further remark.

For the second article, as interest at 3 per cent. on 4,200,000*l.* annuities granted by the Company, nothing is put down, because Government pay the identical sum as interest for what is due to the Company.

The third article of 80,000*l.* per annum for interest at 4 per cent. on 2,000,000*l.* of bonds issued by the Company, requires no observation, as is also the case with the fourth article of 12,000*l.* per annum for interest at 4 per cent. on 300,000*l.* Exchequer Bills, given by the Treasury, and deposited for an equivalent sum with the Bank, to whom the security of Government is thereby pledged.

The fifth article of 62,500*l.* as interest at 5 per cent. on 1,250,000*l.* or 150 lack of rupees, transferred from India at 20*d.* exchange, appears in a memorandum of No IV. in the Appendix, to be independent of the interest payable in India.

The sixth article of 48,000*l.* sterling per annum, as interest at 4 per cent. on 1,200,000*l.* bonds to be further issued, is a transaction of so recent a date, as to be in the recollection of every person; but as it might be urged, that they will not be altogether issued, as well as part of the last 1,200,000*l.* sterling annuities of three per cent. until the latter end of this year, I must beg leave to observe, that bills, to a very considerable amount from India, are long since due, and incurring an interest of 5 per cent. which more than counterbalances the above-mentioned circumstances.

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The seventh article of 60,000*l.* sterling per annum, as interest at 4 per cent. on 1,500,000*l.* which it is necessary for the Company to borrow, requires some explanation on my part, as the public have been led to believe that no more money would be wanted towards extricating them from their difficulties.

The cash account in England, No. VIII. in the Appendix, states indeed only 888,137*l.* sterling, as deficient on the 1st of March, 1790; and in order to make the necessary payments, which become due before that period, Parliament allowed the Company to issue 1,200,000*l.* more in bonds, bearing 4 per cent. interest, as stated in the sixth article, which would leave the Company a surplus of 311,863*l.* or 611,863*l.* sterling, if the Exchequer bills of 300,000*l.* sterling should not be redeemed at the Bank, and returned to Government, for, although it appears to be intended by the cash account, yet many circumstances will probably prevent it. A balance of about 600,000*l.* sterling has been constantly found existing on the 1st of March of every year; and I therefore suppose, that the Company, from motives of prudence, will not abandon a system which must be absolutely necessary in the management of such great concerns, but request from Government a further indulgence, respecting the 300,000*l.* Exchequer bills abovementioned. If any more payments, therefore, can be proved necessary on the one side, or any deficiencies in the receipt, as stated in the cash account, appear inevitable on the other, they will of course impose the obligation on the Company to borrow for the amount of the one and the other.

The first article, which I shall take notice of in the cash account, No. VIII. is the memorandum, saying, "the letter from the Board of Trade in Bengal, received the 29th instant, by the Busbridge, states, "that very considerable damage has happened to the mulberry trees and "silk worms; also to houses, looms, &c. belonging to various manufacturers:

“facturers; in consequence of which the imports from Bengal may probably fall short of the supply of goods estimated to be sold in the years abovementioned.”

Independent of this acknowledged disappointment, arising from accident, I must own, I was greatly surprized, on looking over No. IX. in the Appendix, to find, that the estimates of the probable gross sales of India goods are rated, this year, at 300,000l. sterling, and next year at 400,000l. more than was realized during the last year, which I can in no way account for; because it is well known, that (independent of the cause stated by the Board of Trade) the sum allotted annually towards investments in India has decreased, which must produce a similar effect in the amount of the sales; and particularly as the private trade, which must be accounted for, has proportionably increased, and prevents a scarcity of goods.

I am indeed at a loss to know, what ought to be deducted for the abovementioned circumstances; but I shall certainly be within bounds, by stating only a sum of 350,000l. sterling, as a defalcation in the estimated sales of goods, belonging to the Company, for two years, viz. from the 1st of March 1788, to the 1st of March 1790.

There is also mentioned in No. VIII. that “in the above account, a sum of 1,270,000l. only is stated for bullion to be exported to China; but as a farther sum of between three and four hundred thousand pounds would be required, to enable the company to liquidate the debt there, and to obtain the teas, which it may be necessary for them to purchase, on the cheapest terms, the balance of the account would be increased by that amount against the Company,” say 350,000l. sterling. Thus far the papers, before the House of Commons, furnish data for proving the necessity to borrow, at least, 700,000l. sterling; but the further addition of 500,000l. which I think equally inevitable,

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remains to be proved, by shewing the evident errors of the Company's cash accounts, from 1st of March 1788, to 1st of March 1790.

The articles of customs, freight, demurrage, as well as goods and stores exported during those two years, I must suppose to be correct, as I have no means of investigating them; but those of 490,000*l.* each year, as dividend on stock, interest on annuities, bonds, &c. are subject to correction, for the following reasons, viz.

£. 320,000 must annually be paid for dividends.

80,000 ditto for interest, at 4 per cent. on 2,000,000*l.* of bonds

12,000 ditto for ditto, at 4 per cent. on 300,000*l.* Exchequer bills.

126,000 ditto for ditto, at three per cent. on 4,200,000*l.* annuities, credit having been taken on the other side of the cash account, for the like sum received from Government.

62,500 for 5 per cent. on 1,250,000*l.* transferred from India.

First year *£*. 600,500

And 48,000 for interest at 4 per cent. on 1,200,000*l.* new bonds.

Second year *£*. 648,500 sterling.

It is evident then, (supposing the last 1,200,000*l.* bonds not to be yet issued) that 600,000*l.* sterling will be wanted for those purposes the first year, and near 650,000*l.* the second year, without even making provision for the China debt.

The difference therefore between 980,000*l.* as stated by the Company for these two years, and 1,250,000*l.* sterling, as proved necessary by me, adds to the deficiency 270,000*l.* sterling.

By the account, No. XI. in the Appendix, it appears, that there are bills of exchange presented, accepted, or advised to be drawn from India (independent of the 150 lacks of rupees transferred) to the amount

amount of 2,993,655l. sterling, which are payable before the first of March 1790.

I accordingly find the cash account of the first year debited with 1,794,085l. sterling, and of the second year with 1,407,000l. in all 3,201,085, or 208,000l. sterling, more than is stated to be due for the amount of those bills.

Whether this additional sum arises from further bills to be drawn payable before the first of March 1790, as certificates to Captains and officers, and salaries to Judges, both of which must take place, or to the interest now accumulating on those unpaid bills, I have not the means of ascertaining, but it is evident that both cannot be included, because interest alone must amount to more, and there consequently exists an error in this article of at least 100,000l. for those two years.

The next object which comes under consideration is about 350,000l. which ought, on the lowest computation, to have been charged to the cash account from the 1st of March 1789, to the 1st of March 1790, as due on account of private trade, because it appears on the credit side of the account, from 1st of March 1788, to 1st of March 1789, that 5,350,750l. sterling is stated as the gross amount of cash to be received for goods sold during that period, when at the same time No. IX. and X. (to the former of which I have already alluded as being too highly rated) fix such gross amount only to 2,345,090l. for India goods, and 2,626,540l. for China goods; in all, 4,971,630l. sterling, or about 380,000l. less than the above stated 5,350,750l.

It is true that 355,600l. sterling is brought to the debit of the cash account, from 1st of March 1788, to 1st of March 1789, as payable to the proprietors of private trade, but No. XI. proves that such sum was already due to them from sales made before the 1st of March 1788, and consequently

frequently before the above-mentioned gross sales, to the amount of 5,350,750l. could possibly take place.

There remains also a very material observation to make, relative to the charge of providing the investments in China, which does not seem to me sufficiently accounted for, either in the cash accounts, or in any other document. It appears by No. XII. in the Appendix, that the prime cost of those investments amounted in the season 1786—1787, to 1,894,238l. sterling; and we have, therefore, to consider how that amount is to be annually provided for.

The means hitherto employed, are sending out goods and bullion from Europe, having bills drawn on the Company from China, and providing funds, by investments of opium, cotton, &c. from Bengal and Bombay.

I accordingly find in the Bengal accounts, No. VII. and XXI.

That £. 150,000 or 15 lack of rupees, are annually appropriated to that purpose.

In No. VIII.

That 650,000 is annually sent out in bullion per average of three years.

550,000 annually drawn on bills from China upon the Company.

And 300,000 sent in goods annually from Europe, although No. XIII. in the Appendix shews, that, on an average of 19 years, only 116,000l. was sent.

In all £. 1,650,000 sterling.

The prime cost being 1,894,238l. sterling, and the funds appropriated towards paying it only 1,650,000l. there remains consequently, unprovided for, near 250,000l. per annum, which sufficiently accounts for the debt already contracted, and warrants also the assertion, that in the course of the seasons 1787—1788, and 1788—1789, it will be increased

creased by 450,000*l.* more, if not guarded against by having more bills drawn *, or more bullion sent out.

On summing up then the different articles so underrated on the debit side, and overrated on the credit side of the Account, No. VIII. they will form a total of 1,870,000*l.* sterling, which more than justifies me in saying, that 1,500,000*l.* will be wanted for the following purposes, viz.

- £. 350,000 less produce in the sale of goods, from 1st of March 1788, to 1st of March 1790.
- 350,000 debt in China to be sent in bullion, or paid for by bills..
- 270,000. difference on dividends, &c. for two years.
- 100,000 for interest on bills drawn, or new bills, before the 1st of March 1790.
- 350,000 to be paid in 1789 for private trade sold in 1788.
- 450,000 wanting to complete the China investments for two years.

£.1,870,000 sterling.

Having thus detected the errors of the Company's cash estimates in Europe, from the 1st of March 1788, to 1st of March 1790, and fully accounted for the seventh article, on the debit side of the annual state, I shall now proceed to the eighth and last of 100,000*l.* sterling, for stores expended in the different settlements, without being brought to the Company's credit, in their cash accounts in India.

There appears charged in No. VIII. 763,000*l.* and 770,000*l.* in all 1,533,000*l.* for two years exports of goods and stores from Europe.

- £. 600,000 of those goods go to China, and are there accounted for.
- 660,000 are accounted for in India, as per average of three years, per No. XIV. in the Appendix, which states it annually at 33 lacks, or 330,000*l.* although the estimate for 1787—1788, is only 230,000*l.* or 23 lack of rupees.

£.1,260,000

* £.1,050,000 sterling was drawn from China for season 1787—1788; and the same sum is expected to be drawn for season 1788—1789; instead of 500,000*l.* or 600,000*l.* each year, as stated in No. VIII.

The amount of exports, for two years, being therefore 1,533,000*l.* of which only 1,260,000*l.* is accounted for, a deficiency must arise of 273,000*l.* sterling, or 136,500*l.* annually, which is more than what I state it at, and is occasioned by stores of various kinds, medicines, and stationary ware, consumed in the different settlements and dependencies of the Company.

Every article in the annexed state A, of the receipt and expenditure in India and England, being now fully investigated, I have only to remark, that * almost the whole of their estate appears, by the testimony of their own papers, to be absorbed in its defence, and in the interests, &c. annually paid, which deprives them of the power of liquidating their debts, by any visible means, excepting their future commercial profits.

An enquiry into those profits would, no doubt, be worthy the attention of Parliament, as the public are so deeply interested in the consequences of their failure, either from accidental and temporary, or from inevitable and permanent causes.

It is only in my power to give some general idea of the present state of their commerce, by copying the extract of a Report from a Select Committee of the House of Commons, on the 22d of June 1784; and by mentioning the Commutation Act, which has been favorable to the Company in their China trade.

The Committee state in page 12, paragraph 24, " that in the Appendix of the Directors' first Report, the sale of the cargoes is estimated to produce double the amount of the prime cost; but left a

* £. 706,663	10 <i>s.</i> balance in India.
682,500	0 payable in England.
£. 24,163	10 <i>s.</i> net balance.

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“ mistaken conclusion should be drawn of the advantages of the trade as
 “ at present conducted, it may be proper to apprize the House, that
 “ when the customs, freight, demurrage, and charge of merchandize, are
 “ added to the prime cost, the result, as to several cargoes, is frequently
 “ either a loss, or a very inconsiderable profit. In order to exemplify
 “ this, your Committee will annex in the Appendix, No. XXVIII. (here
 “ No. XV.) an account of the cargo of the ship Queen, and of every
 “ ship arrived in England, from any part of India, since the 23d of
 “ January last; and in No. XXIX. (here No. XVI.) an estimate of the
 “ sales of the ship Queen, with the freight, charges of merchandize,
 “ customs, and other charges thereon; also the estimated net produce
 “ (exclusive of all charges) of the cargo of each other ship, arrived
 “ since the 23d of January; in the result of which estimates there ap-
 “ pears a loss of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the prime cost, after sale of the cargoes,
 “ and payment of the several charges.”

I must here beg leave to remark, that the exchange is taken at
 2s. 3d. per current rupee for the cost of investment, which is 3d. per
 rupee more than I state the surplus revenue at; this makes a difference
 of about 14 per cent. to the prejudice of the Company, while the ex-
 change of 2s. would leave them a profit of above 10 per cent. on those
 cargoes, were it not necessary to allow 4 per cent. for insurance, under
 the idea that one cargo out of twenty-five may be lost.

Whether the trade from India has become more profitable since
 that period, remains to be proved; but there can be no doubt that the
 China trade has received considerable extension and advantages, altho'
 the profits derived from it for two years past will probably diminish,
 when the Company shall have a sufficient stock on hand to furnish the
 increasing demand for that article.

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It is however to be hoped, that it will never revert to its former unprofitable state, as appears to have been the case with the cargo of the ship *Queen*, per No. XVI. in the Appendix, if 4 per cent. for insurance be added to the charges of that account, and that the Company's general advantage on their trade with India and China will be found superior to the annual interest due for the capital which is employed in that part of their concerns, and which cannot be stated at less than six or seven millions sterling.

With respect to the advantages arising to the Company from the private trade included in their sales, I make no doubt, from the liberty granted to individuals to bring home a part of their property in the Company's ships, that it will produce 50,000*l.* per annum, as stated in the cash account.

It must, however, be a matter of serious regret to every person who examines my statement of the Company's affairs with attention, and who agrees with me in saying, that the results of their own estimates afford no hopes of relief, but from the profits of trade, to be further informed, that Lord Cornwallis's, and Sir Archibald Campbell's letters mention, that the Company's revenues for 1787—1788, both in Bengal and Madras*, fall short a very considerable sum of the Estimates No. I. and No. II. which contain the various articles of receipt, so necessary to realize even that unpropitious statement of which I have just finished the discussion.

* Lord Cornwallis at first suggested that he would be obliged to grant a remission of 35 lacks, or 350,000*l.* sterling, on account of various disasters; but his succeeding letter mentions that he did not find it necessary to remit so much. Sir Archibald Campbell's estimates of receipts and payments to the 1st of May 1788, No. XX. supposes a surplus of 37,90,000 current rupees, or 379,000*l.* sterling; yet he found himself under the necessity of withholding the payment of what was received from the Nabob for behoof of his private creditors, in order to pay more urgent demands.

My readers will undoubtedly perceive, that if these unfortunate defalcations in the Indian revenues* are greater than the trading profits, the Company must in so far be in a worse situation every year; and they will most probably join with me in opinion, that in any event all hopes of redemption from the Company's resources before the expiration of their charter in 1791 are at an end, and that no direct advantage can arise in future from India, by the trade and by our territorial possessions there, if some speedy and permanent increase of revenue, or diminution of expence, do not take place.

I shall now proceed to the examination of the annexed comparative statement B, of debts and assets in India, and debts and assets in Europe, in 1783 and 1789.

The whole of the account concerning the first mentioned period, is to be found in No. XVII. of the Appendix, as laid before Parliament by the Directors, and supported by those, who opposed Mr. Fox's assertion of its not being a true state of the Company's affairs.

The papers, concerning the last mentioned period, are more scattered, and require to be separately referred to, in discussing each article.

The first part, stating 9,122,156l. 6s. sterling, as the Indian debt, is proved by No. IV. in the Appendix, which mentions the debt outstanding there to be 7,62,21,563 current rupees, and 1,50,00,000 current rupees transferred to England; in all, current rupees 9,12,21,563, which at exchange 2s. per rupee, makes the abovementioned sums of 9,122,156l. 6s. sterling.

* Greater expences in India than stated in the estimates would, in their effects, be the same, and are also much to be apprehended.

The next article is 11,743,291l. sterling, for the Company's debts in Europe.

To prove this, I must refer to No. XVIII. in the Appendix, which estimates the Company's debts in Europe, on the 1st of March 1789, (independent of the 150 lacks transferred from India, and the 4,200,000l. 3 per cent. annuities) at

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	5,698,200
To which must be added those annuities	4,200,000
	<u>9,898,200</u>

The following errors have already been proved, and must now be added to the amount of their debts :

For due on account of private trade	-	-	-	350,000
For * cash on hand, as in 1783	-	-	-	600,000
For debt in China up to the 1st of March 1789	-	-	-	800,000
For less value of goods sold in 1788	-	-	-	250,000
For more due as interest, or additional bills	-	-	-	100,000
For more as dividends, &c. in 1788	-	-	-	100,000
				<u>12,098,200</u>

But as I have taken full credit for the produce of 800,000l. new stock in 1,200,000l. sterling, it is but just to deduct, in this comparative statement, the difference between the last created 1,200,000l. 3 per cents. and what they fold for

354,909
£. 11,743,291

The third article is extracted from No. XIX. in the Appendix, which states the assets, throughout India, to have been in the year 1786, current rupees

5,81,24,567

And I deduct from that sum what I find realised by estimates, since that period, per accounts No. VII. XX. XXI. and XXII. about

71,24,567

Current Rupees 5,10,00,000

* The accounts No. VIII. and No. XVIII. suppose no cash on hand.

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It is indeed probable, that more will be realized before the 1st of May 1789, or that the Company's debts, in India, will be further increased, as the one or the other appear necessary, for making good the defalcations in the estimated revenue; the deductions, however, which I consider myself as fully entitled to make, and to which I shall at present adhere, reduce the value of assets in India, as above stated to current rupees 5,10,00,000 at exchange 2s. per current rupee, is 5,100,000l. sterling.

The fourth article consists of assets in Europe, amounting to 11,887,927l. sterling.

I have stated in this account, 4,200,000l. sterling, as due by the public, which answers to the same object of credit in 1783, as does the sum of 422,011l. for claims on government.

I further give credit for 600,000l. as cash on hand, because I have debited the Company for the same sum as an error in not having provided for it before the 1st of March 1789.

The sum of 5,200,000l. for goods sold and on hand, is comparatively greater than in 1783, but I have included therein the prime cost of every cargo that may be expected from India and China during the course of the year 1789, which may be estimated at 1,900,000l. for China cargoes, and 900,000l. or 90 lack for Indian cargoes; in all 2,800,000l. and reduces the value of goods on hand, or sold and not in cash, on the 1st of March 1789, to 2,400,000l. sterling, independent of the private trade in their custody.

The subsequent article of 1,200,000l. sterling, for goods and stores exported, but not arrived in India and China, will indeed shew that the Company cannot have been debited on the 1st of March 1789, with

with the whole of the prime cost of the China investments expected in Europe in the course of the year 1789.

In order to explain this I must observe, that there is brought to the Company's debit, in cash account No. VIII. 635,229l. for goods and stores exported from 1st of March 1787, to 1st of March 1788, and 763,000l. for the same from 1st of March 1788, to the 1st of March 1789, which two years exportation, amounting in value to near 1,400,000l. sterling, are supposed not to be arrived in India and China when the account of assets were made up, and makes it necessary to credit the Company for the same in Europe, after deducting 200,000l. which will be expended. I must however remark, that the first year's exportation to China of 300,000l. must have been the means of purchasing in part the investments expected in 1789, for which I have given the Company full credit.

I might therefore have diminished this article 300,000l. for the first year's exportation to China, and have further suggested the impossibility of the greater part of the 5 and 600,000l. sterling bills to be drawn from China for the cargoes expected this year, appearing at the Company's debit in Europe on the 1st of March 1789*, had I not reflected at the same time, that the 650,000l. bullion, sent to China from the 1st of March 1788, to 1st of March 1789, could not appear any where at their credit, and would therefore make a set-off against the articles above-mentioned, of which it is impossible to ascertain the exact state from the papers now before the House of Commons.

The other two sums of 253,616l. sterling, for the value of the Company's freehold, and 12,300l. for ships and vessels, answer to what was stated in 1783 to be their value; but I have not thought it neces-

* The factors at Canton commence the drawing of bills in December, and the amount, as already stated, will be above one million sterling.

fary to state any thing for fundries sent from Bengal to other Presidencies, and not accounted for in their quick stocks, because I find it to have consisted in 1783, of stores and cash sent to Madras, to which I presume the war had given rise.

I have now completed the comparative statement of the accounts lately presented, and of those given by the Directors in 1783, the result of which, per C, in the Appendix, is as follows, viz.

In 1783,

3,968,481l. sterling, surplus in favour of the Company, with a loss on the 3,200,000l. stock belonging to the Proprietors, as the first-mentioned balance could not be equivalent to the price of that stock.

In 1789,

3,877,520l. 6s. sterling, balance against the Company, with the loss of the 3,200,000l. above-mentioned, and 1,200,000l. which the Proprietors have since paid for 800,000l. additional stock,

The general difference then between the respective statements stands thus:

£. 3,968,481	surplus in 1783,
3,877,520	6s. deficiency in 1789,
1,200,000	paid by the Proprietors for 800,000l. new stock.
£. 9,046,001	6s. general difference.

It occurs to me, however, that some objection may be made to my stating the exchange of the Indian debts at 2s. per rupee, when I cannot be ignorant of 1,250,000l. being already transferred at the exchange of 20d.

In answer to this I must observe, that in a comparative statement, the exchange of the debts and assets must be the same, and that it is perfectly immaterial, in that point of view. We are also as yet ignorant what this exchange will ultimately be, or what part of the debt will be transferred to England, and I propose therefore to take this advantage on the exchange into due consideration, on suggesting my opinion respecting the most correct statement of the Company's affairs, which can possibly be deduced, while I shall at present proceed in demonstrating that (excepting the plea of bankruptcy on the part of the Company be unequivocally admitted) the plan hitherto pursued towards effecting this transfer, is replete with the most palpable injustice to many individuals.

The point, which every well-wisher to the Company ought to have had in view, was the conversion of as much of the Company's debts in India, at a fair exchange, as it was possible to accomplish, for the purpose of incurring less interest than the 8 per cent. which, on an average, is now paid in India, and for supporting at the same time the future credit of the Company.

No consideration whatever ought therefore to have induced a set of men, who have constantly asserted the solvency of the Company, and who loudly proclaimed themselves the champions for security in property, to compromise the Company's debts in India, by offering an unfair exchange, as the *only* terms of their liquidation, which has, in its consequences, cut up, by the roots, every principle of future credit, in cases of emergency, and which was, at the moment of doing it, an act of bankruptcy.

The orders sent out were to offer 20d. per current rupee, for bills at twelve months date, to bear interest at 5 per cent. after that period,
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until paid, which was to take place by instalments of 10 per cent. per annum, beginning in the year 1790.

The public are already capable of judging, if that intended liquidation could possibly have taken place, without the assistance of the national purse; and they will presently be enabled to form an opinion respecting the fairness of the exchange, and the justice of the Company's proceedings.

Mr. Dundas, indeed, openly avowed to the House of Commons, that he considered the surplus revenue in India to be, in strict justice, applicable to the payment of debts contracted there, instead of its serving towards the purchase of investments; and this declaration naturally induced every thinking man to suppose, that the Indian creditors would be offered the alternative of either subscribing to the abovementioned plan, or of receiving their money, in India, by partial payments, from such surplus revenue.

Unfortunately, however, this was not the case, as Mr. Dundas's public display of what, he conceived to be justice, did not develop itself in any shape throughout India; and the majority of the Company's creditors spurned at those only terms that were offered to them.

A new, but still exceptionable plan, has lately been sent to India, and consists in increasing the exchange, which, it is to be hoped, will be extended to the subscribers of the transferred 150 lacks.

If the alternative, however, of transferring at the increased exchange, or receiving payment in India, be not offered at the same time, or that the exchange is equal to what the Company grants for money brought into their treasury, I shall still consider it as an act of bankruptcy, however willingly adopted by the creditors, and beneficial to the

the Company ; because it is, in fact, a composition of their debts, which an avowed state of solvency and prosperity ought, at least, to disclaim.

To form some idea of the natural exchange between India and England, the following examination of it will probably not be unacceptable to some of my readers.

Every person, conversant in business, will readily understand, that a par exchange consists in rating the specific quantity of pure gold and silver, in the respective coins of the two countries so exchanging ; and that the reason of its being sometimes above, and sometimes below par ; or that one country gives more or less gold and silver than they are to receive in the coin of the other country, is owing to a balance on the general transactions between them, being payable, or receivable, in money.

In case of having this balance to pay, the charge of transporting the metals must be added ; and in case of having it to receive, this charge must be deducted, as the debtor must ever be liable to it ; and the effect will not be confined to the exact balance, but have more or less influence on all the transactions of the two countries.

A variation in the exchange may also take place, independent of the balance being at one time for, and at another time against, any particular country, from the two exchanging countries having different metals for the current coin of the state, because the price of silver and gold (relative one to the other) varies incessantly according to their comparative quantities imported and consumed.

The fixed proportions of silver and of gold, enacted by every state to be in their respective coins, differ materially in every country, and
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are constantly in a state of discord with the price established from natural causes, which produces the effect of making the undervalued, or too low-rated metal, disappear ; and of leaving the over-valued one to be the current coin of the state.

Another confusion seems to arise from the fixed measure of exchange being in some cases in the coin of the country, and in other cases in foreign money ; for instance, the pound sterling is the fixed measure between London and Amsterdam, while the skelling Banco is the variable one from the two causes above-mentioned ; and the ecu, or crown, of three livres, is the fixed measure between Paris and London, while the penny sterling is the variable one. This produces, however, no kind of consequence, but the inconsistency of saying the exchange is higher on Amsterdam on the number of skellings increasing, when it is in fact lower, because the same quantity of metal is still given for a greater quantity in Amsterdam, which creates equally an advantage to the nation, as when the number of pence in the Paris exchange decreases, and arises either from a balance in favor of England, or a diminution in the price of silver relative to gold.

Upon enquiry at the Mint, it was found, that a current rupee, which is 16 per cent. less than a ficca rupee, contained the value of about 22d. sterling of standard silver, reckoning the ounce at about 5s. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

The par exchange therefore between India and England, for a current rupee, is about 22d. and it may be easily demonstrated that India cannot owe a balance in money to Europe, by considering the immense annual importation of goods.

It is true that England can provide her investments from a surplus revenue, and the value of goods sent out for sale ; but other East-India

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Company's have certainly not those means, and therefore the charge of transporting the metals must to them be added.

There is also a difference of 18 months interest to be taken into consideration on account of paying for the metals immediately, or being drawn upon 6 months later at 12 months date, which, joined to the above charge of freight and insurance, will increase the exchange 14 per cent. or 3d. per rupee; that is to say, foreign Companies' could afford to give individuals, who wished to transport their property from India to England, 25d. in London 12 months after date for each current rupee, instead of being at the trouble to send out bullion; and such exchange may therefore be considered as natural and fair between Calcutta and London.

It is indeed the exchange at which the Company has often been drawn on 365 days after sight, which sufficiently justifies me in rating it at 2s. for bills at one year's date.

From all these considerations, it is evident, that the Board of Control acted improperly to the highest degree in giving their sanction to this unjust plan of transferring the debt from India to England at 20d, without any other alternative for their liquidation, and that whatever annual benefit might have been derived to the Company, or may be hereafter obtained, from its completion on principles of justice and policy, the same has undoubtedly been lost to a great degree during the course of several years.

Before I conclude, by making my own observations on the real state of the Company's debts and assets, I beg leave to call the attention of the public, to a comparative statement of the Company's debts in Europe, on the 1st of March 1787, and as they will be on the 1st of March 1789, which was laid before the House of Commons, for the purpose,

purpose of proving, that a diminution of above 2,500,000*l.* sterling had taken place in the course of two years.

On making a comparative statement of debts, at different periods, justice demands, that the same sum should appear as cash on hand, at one time as at the other.

This principle has not been attended to on this occasion; and as about 600,000*l.* sterling stands at the Company's credit, in cash, on the 1st of March 1787, per No. VIII. in the Appendix, and none appears existing on the 1st of March 1789, there is evidently an omission of 600,000*l.* for that article.

My readers will recollect, that credit is taken in the year 1788, for about 850,000*l.* sterling, as the produce of 1,200,000*l.* sterling additional 3 per cent. annuities sold, which the greatest degree of ingenuity in man cannot liberate from the charge of being a *new* debt.

There must also have arisen an unprovided debt in China, during two years, of at least 500,000*l.* sterling, to which must be further added

£. 350,000 due for private trade sold in 1788.
 250,000 less value of goods sold in 1788.
 100,000 more for interest on bills, or new bills drawn.
 100,000 difference on dividends for 1788.

Making, in all errors, to the amount of £. 2,750,000*.

* £. 600,000 cash on hand,
 850,000 for new stock,
 500,000 additional bills from China,
 350,000 private trade,
 250,000 less goods sold,
 100,000 interest on bills,
 100,000 difference on dividends,

£. 2,750,000

I must,

I must, however, admit, that 500,000*l.* sterling, for a debt due to Government, is stated as paid in 1788, and ought to have been added to the account of debts in 1787; but such a sum diminishes, in a very small degree, the omissions on the other side, which serve to shew the necessity of not placing confidence in estimates of any kind, which are presented by the East-India Company.

What remains now for me to state on this interesting subject, may probably appear, to many of my readers, of equal importance, and meriting an equal degree of confidence, as what has preceded, although it may not be entirely deduced from the evidence of the East-India Company, and can therefore only be considered as the opinion of an individual, on certain points, which cannot be ascertained at this moment.

The comparative statement mentions

	£. 9,122,156 6s.	sterling, debts in India.
	11,743,291 0	ditto ditto in England.
Assets in India	£. 5,100,000	
Assets in England	11,887,927	
	£. 20,865,447 6	
	£. 16,987,927 0	
	£. 3,877,520 6s.	sterling, balance against the Company,
		with the further loss of 4,000,000 <i>l.</i>
		stock to the Proprietors, valued at
		6,500,000 <i>l.</i>

Dreadful as this situation must appear to be, I know it will fall much short of the real deficiency; because I am confident, that when the actual account (not estimate) of receipts and expenditure in India, up to the 1st of May 1789, and the state of existing debts and assets in each

each Presidency, at the same period*, shall be laid before the House of Commons, in the year 1790, either a sensible increase on the debts, or a greater consumption of assets, than has hitherto been stated, will appear to have taken place.

To avoid, however, every imputation of exaggerating this difference, I shall let it stand against the profits, to be derived on the exchange, in transferring † the debt from India to England, and proceed to shew the nature and value of the 5,100,000l. assets in India, for which I have given the Company full credit, by stating Lord Cornwallis's opinion on the subject, per letter of November 16, 1786, which accompanied No. XIX. in the Appendix.

Paragraph 7. " Under the head of stores, you will perceive that the value of them is rated at a sum of current rupees 7348,930 (734,893l. sterling). Stores are ever in a state of consumption and expenditure; and if the quantity, on hand, at the different Presidencies were at any time sold, it is probable, that the Company would not realize one fifth of their stated amount. I do not, in fact, place any reliance upon this fund, which I consider as inapplicable to the discharge of the Company's debts here."

Paragraph 8. " It is not easy to analyse the succeeding article of current rupees 3,48,55,331 (3,485,533l. 2s. sterling). By comparing

* Until the Company shall think proper to order home an account, from each Presidency, of debts and of assets on the 1st of May of every year, in order to make them conform exactly with the treasure existing, and arrears due, which appear on the estimates of resources and disbursements from that day, it is not in their power (and of course not in mine) to be correct with regard to the component parts of the assets and debts in India, at any one stated period, independent of their current and annual revenue and expenditure.

† Lord Cornwallis has agreed to fix the exchange at 23d. which will leave a profit of above 4 per cent. on what may be transferred.

“ it with the statements of quick stock in the different Presidencies,
 “ you will be enabled to form a conjecture, how far the component
 “ parts are convertible into specie, and applicable to the payment of
 “ debts.”

Paragraph 9. “ Amongst other articles under the general head of
 “ debts outstanding, the recovery of which may be deemed doubtful,
 “ I reckon the loan to the Berar Government of current rupees
 “ 11,60,000 (116,000l.) the outstanding balances due from the Nor-
 “ thern Circars *, and the debt of Ragonaut Row †.”

It appears therefore by Lord Cornwallis's letter, that a considerable deduction in the value of 5,100,000l. sterling, assets in India, must be made on account of the uncertain value of stores, and irrecoverable debts, both of which circumstances were stated by Mr. Fox in 1783, and will ultimately reduce the value of those assets above one million sterling*.

With regard to their debts in Europe, I have omitted a claim of above 400,000l. sterling, which Government still has on the Company, independent of the 500,000l sterling lately called for, and I have included also in their assets in England, the sum of 422,011l. sterling, which must now be deducted as a claim on the public, which is not acknowledged by government.

I must further take notice, that in drawing out the comparison between the state of the Company's affairs in 1783, and as it will be on the 1st of March 1789, I gave them credit for 354,909l. sterling, re-

* The papers before the House of Commons do not state the amount of this debt.

† £. 398,879 sterling.

* I might, without deviating from truth, state such deduction at one million and a half.

ceived less on the last 1,200,000*l.* 3 per cent. annuities, but in stating the Company's real situation per account D, the full sum must be taken as a debt, because they are credited *in toto* with 4,200,000*l.* sterling due by government, which stands precisely on the same footing as the 3 per cent. annuities to the same amount, and is in fact answerable to the holders of those annuities.

The real deficiency then amounts to 6,054,440*l.**. 6*s.* sterling, with the loss of 6,500,000*l.* sterling to the proprietors of 4,000,000*l.* stock, which makes it necessary to provide between twelve and thirteen millions sterling in some extraordinary manner, if the affairs of the Company are liquidated to the satisfaction of all concerned.

I am aware, that it will be urged by the advocates for the Company's cause, that a considerable compensation ought to be made to them for forts, and for acquiring the Duwannee, if the public take the territorial possession on the expiration of the Company's charter; to which I answer, that if those claims are admitted to be just after a due discussion of the subject, their amount will form but a small part of the deficiency, which appears to exist on the most candid and favourable statement of their affairs.

The public will at the same time, no doubt, take into consideration, what equivalent they will annually get for a disbursement of 3 or 4,000,000*l.* sterling, on taking over the Company's forts and territories in India, and subjecting themselves to further advances for stores,

* £. 3,877,520	6 <i>s.</i>	deficiency per comparative state.
1,000,000	0	less effects in India.
400,000	0	due to Government.
422,011	0	claim not admitted.
354,909	0	full value of 1,200,000 3 per cents.
£. 6,054,440	6 <i>s.</i>	

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falt, opium, and grain, as well as to the future expences, which a war with the natives may occasionally give rise to, independent of European disputes.

They cannot avoid reflecting also on the precarious realization of those Indian estimates, No. I. II. and III*. which give little encouragement to interfere, (excepting to prevent the loss of those possessions) and certainly afford no rational hope, that the nation could ever be exonerated in a *pecuniary* point of view, if it charged itself with the *entire* liquidation of the Company's affairs, for the purpose of averting the impending disgrace of a notorious state of bankruptcy, which has been long predicted, but never credited.

* The result of those three estimates shew, that

Current rupees 70,66,635 will annually remain in India, from the surplus of revenue, towards making investments to Europe and China; but for the year 1787—1788, the following sums must be added:—

14,59,280 for customs not then abolished.

12,00,000 less expence for four regiments not arrived in India.

10,00,000 for bills and certificates.

23,00,000 for sale of import goods.

Current rupees 130,25,915 15,00,000 was appropriated for China investments.

Deduct 105,00,000 90,00,000 ditto for European ditto.

Current rupees 25,25,915 net balance upon that year's transactions, independent of outstanding balances that may have been recovered, which ought jointly to have operated towards diminishing the debts in India, or accumulating money in the Treasury. The measure adopted by Sir Archibald Campbell, of stopping the payment of monies, received from the Nabob of Arcot, for his private creditors, indicate, that no such balance did arise; and that these estimates of annual receipt and expence are positively fallacious, which would appear beyond the possibility of being contradicted, if the *real* cash accounts of each Presidency, for the expired year, should be laid before the House of Commons, at the same time that the estimated cash accounts for the future year are presented.

STATEMENT

A.

STATEMENT of the annual Revenue, and annual Expenditure of the EAST INDIA COMPANY, independent of their Trade, as appears by the Papers laid before the House of Commons, and other public Documents.

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Article I. The net revenue, after deducting all charges, excepting the following, as per No. I. in the Appendix Current rupees 1,99,86,505

Deduct

To be allowed in remissions of an annual tribute settled in 1781, curr. rupees,	2,16,720
The Government customs to be abolished in future, and produced net	14,59,280
The Company's commercial charges in Bengal	10,42,000
In the above net revenue is included a former balance in the Benares revenue	1,11,000
	28,29,000
	In Bengal current rupees, 1,71,57,505

To this must be added,

Article II. The net revenue in Madras, after deducting all charges as per No. II. in the Appendix. Pagodas 95,256, at exchange 425 per 100 pagodas, 4,04,838

Current rupees, 1,75,62,343

And deducted,

Article III. The expences of the Presidency of Bombay beyond the revenue, as per No. III. in the Appendix. Bombay rupees 24,74,644, exchange 116 per cent. 28,70,687

Current rupees, 1,46,91,656

The following deductions must also take place :

Article IV. For the increased cavalry, and four regiments sent out	Current rupees, 14,00,000
V. For the interest on the different debts in Bengal, Madras, &c. &c.	53,53,341
VI. For the annual expences of Fort Marlborough, St. Helena, &c.	8,71,680
	0,76,25,021
	Current rupees 70,66,635

At exchange, as. per rupee, is net excess throughout India

Sterling £. 706,663 10

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From this excess must be deducted the following annual incumbrances in Europe :

Article I. Dividend of 8 per cent. on 4,000,000l. stock	£. 320,000
II. Interest at 3 per cent. on 4,200,000l. annuities paid by government	
III. Interest at 4 per cent. on 2,000,000l. bonds issued by the Company	80,000
IV. Interest at 4 per cent. on 300,000l. Exchequer bills, borrowed from the Bank	12,000
V. Interest at 5 per cent. on 150 lack, transferred at 20d. is 1,250,000l.	62,500
VI. Interest at 4 per cent. on 1,200,000l. bonds to be further issued	48,000
VII. Interest at 4 per cent. on 1,500,000l. to be further borrowed	60,000
VIII. Stores sent out annually to the different Presidencies, and consumed there without being accounted for in the cash accounts	100,000
	682,500 0

Net annual revenue arising to the Company independent of trade

Sterling £. 24,163 10

B.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the EAST-INDIA COMPANY'S Debts and Effects in India, in the Years 1783 and 1789, and of their Debts and Effects in Europe in the same Years.

Debts in India in 1783.

In Bengal	_____	£. 2,367,116 0
At Madras	_____	821,164 0
At Bombay	_____	1,790,112 0
		<u>4,978,392 0</u>

Debts in Europe in 1783.

To 3 per cent. annuities	_____	£. 2,992,440
To 4 per cent. bonds	_____	1,996,700
To customs due	_____	1,641,254
To Government	_____	100,000
To Exchequer bills	_____	302,587
To accepted bills, &c.	_____	2,489,098
To fundries	_____	458,481
To interest dividend, &c.	_____	350,540
To old bonds called in	_____	11,592
		<u>10,342,692 0</u>

Debts increased
£. 15,321,084 0
5,544,363 6s.
£. 20,865,447 6s.

Effects in India in 1783.

In Bengal	_____	£. 4,206,053 0
At Madras	_____	2,899,242 0
At Bencoolen	_____	189,036 0
At Bombay	_____	823,027 0
St. Helena	_____	27,618 0
In China	_____	132,596 0
		<u>8,277,572 0</u>

Effects in Europe in 1783.

Due by Government	_____	£. 4,200,000
Claims on ditto	_____	422,011
Cash on hand	_____	609,954
Goods fold and on hand net	_____	3,053,258
Merchandize and stores sent to India, and not included in quick stock	_____	1,219,092
Value of the Company's freehold	_____	253,616
Silver	_____	1,090
Advanced on account of freight	_____	172,334
Value of ships and vessels	_____	12,300
Prime cost of four cargoes	_____	703,824
Ditto of fundries sent from Bengal to different Presidencies, and not included in their quick stock	_____	364,514
		<u>11,011,993 0</u>
		<u>£. 19,289,565 0</u>

Debts in India in 1789.

Current rupees	7,62,21,563
Transferred to England	1,50,00,000
Current rupees	9,12,21,563 at exchange 2s. per rupee
	<u>£. 9,122,156 6s.</u>

Debts in Europe in 1789.

To 3 per cent. annuities	_____	£. 4,200,000
To 4 per cent. bonds	_____	£. 1,996,600
new ditto	_____	205,000
To customs due	_____	427,000
To Exchequer bills	_____	306,000
To accepted bills, &c.	_____	1,945,000
To fundries	_____	642,400
To interest, dividends, &c.	_____	176,200
		<u>£. 9,898,200</u>

Errors.

To private trade	_____	£. 350,000
To provide cash on hand	_____	600,000
To debt in China, or additional bills	_____	800,000
To lefts goods fold in 1788	_____	250,000
To due for more Indian bills	_____	100,000
To difference on dividends, &c.	_____	100,000
		<u>2,200,000</u>

Deduct lefts received on 1,200,000l. 3 per cents

£. 12,098,200
354,909
11,743,291 0
£. 20,865,447 6s.

Effects in India in 1789.

Lord Cornwallis states them in the year 1786, at current rupees	5,81,24,567
Deduct, as realised since that period	71,24,567
Current rupees	5,10,00,000
Making at exchange 2s. per rupee	<u>£. 5,100,000</u>

Effects in Europe in 1789.

Due by Government	_____	£. 4,200,000
Claims on ditto	_____	422,011
Cash on hand debited for	_____	600,000
Goods fold and on hand net	_____	5,200,000
Merchandize and stores sent to India, and not included in quick stock there	_____	1,200,000
Value of the Company's freehold	_____	253,616
Value of ships and vessels	_____	12,300
		<u>11,877,927</u>
		<u>£. 16,987,927</u>
Effects decreased		2,301,638
		<u>£. 19,289,565</u>

C.

GENERAL DIFFERENCE between the Accounts of Debts and Affets in India and England in the Years 1783 and 1789.

1783.		1789.	
£. 8,277,572	Affets in India.	£. 9,122,156 6s.	sterling, Debts in India.
11,011,993	Ditto in England.	11,743,291 0	Ditto in England.
£. 19,289,565		£. 20,865,447 6s.	
£. 4,978,392	Debts in India.	£. 5,100,000	Affets in India.
10,342,692	Ditto in England.	11,887,927	Ditto in England.
£. 15,321,084		£. 16,987,927 0	
£. 3,968,481	Balance in favour of the East India Company towards payment of 3,200,000l. East India stock.	£. 3,877,520 6s.	Balance against the Company, with the loss of 4,000,000l. stock, valued at 6,500,000l. sterling.
In 1783, £. 3,968,481 0 in favour of the Company.			
In 1789, 3,877,520 6s. Deficiency.			
1,200,000 0 for 800,000l. additional stock.			
£. 9,046,001 6s. General difference.			

D.

REAL STATE OF THE COMPANY'S AFFAIRS.

£. 3,877,520 6s.	Deficiency as per comparative statement.
1,000,000	less value of affets in India.
422,011	less value of affets in England.
400,000	additional claims of Government.
354,909	more to be added for the last 1,200,000l. 3 per cent. annuities.
£. 6,054,440 6s.	Real Deficiency, with the loss of 4,000,000l. stock to the proprietors, valued at 6,500,000l. sterling, making together the sum of 12,554,440l. 6s. sterling, which is wanted towards liquidating the Company's affairs to the satisfaction of all concerned.

AN ACCOUNT of the ANNUAL REVENUES of the East India Company, in the Provinces of Bengal, Bahar, and Orissa, and from Benares and Owde; under the Heads of Mint or Coinage, Duties, Post Office Collections, Benares Revenue, Owde Subsidy, Land Revenues, Customs, and the Receipts from the Sales of Salt and Opium, for Three Years, according to the latest Advices; together with the latest Estimate of the same.

	1782-3.	1783-4.	1784-5.	Estimate 1787-8.
Mint Duties	39,214	11,861	32,507	13,730
Post Office Collections	1,27,258	1,47,600	1,49,126	1,04,400
Benares Revenue	37,75,081	43,57,888	44,64,535	(a) 45,51,000
Army Subsidy, being the Receipts from the Nabob Vizier, for the Expenses of the Company's Troops employed in his Dominions	53,67,483	58,22,715	57,27,600	52,59,648
Land Revenues, Collection thereof, including former Years Balances	2,98,97,240	3,00,58,092	3,03,63,936	2,94,81,833
Customs	19,89,034	19,85,595	16,32,346	16,91,280
Sale of Salt, Amount received	79,80,414	82,76,308	90,48,441	74,58,424
Ditto of Opium do.	17,18,085	18,58,000	17,33,479	20,88,589
Total Revenues---C. Rs.	5,08,94,409	5,25,18,059	5,31,51,970	5,06,48,906
Deduct Charges -	4,17,41,855	4,30,48,595	4,31,25,191	3,06,62,401
Nett Revenues--C. Rs.	91,52,554	94,69,464	1,00,26,779	1,99,86,505
At 2s. 3d. per C. R. £. sterl.	1,029,662	1,065,314	1,128,012	2,248,682

(a) In the Estimate for 1787-8, Credit is taken for the Annual Tribute agreed for, being C. Rs. 44,40,000; and for Balances of former Years C. Rs. 1,11,000, making the Total inferred. But some Remissions have been Annually claimed and allowed from the Tribute agreed for in 1781, which in September 1786, to the Amount of C. Rs. 2,16,720, were allowed to stand as a permanent Deduction from the Revenue. The Estimate is therefore over-rated in this Amount.

N. B. As the Government Customs have been ordered to be abolished, this Article of Revenue will cease in future Years. The Nett Amount is estimated for 1787-8 at C. Rs. 14,59,280.

East India House,
16th May, 1788.

Errors Excepted.

W. M. WRIGHT,
Auditor of Indian Accounts.

No. 1.

AN ACCOUNT of the ANNUAL CHARGES defrayed by the East India Company, in the Provinces of Bengal, Bahar, and Orissa, and in Benares and Owde; distinguishing the same under the respective Heads of Civil, Military, and Marine, the Charges of Buildings and Fortifications, of collecting the Revenues and Customs, and the Advances and Charges on Account of Salt and Opium, for Three Years, according to the latest Advices; together with the latest Estimate of the same.

	1782-3.	1783-4.	1784-5.	Estimate 1787-8.
Civil.				
Mint Charges	58,538	37,138	36,856	41,600
Post Office ditto	1,61,507	1,55,767	1,64,069	1,70,520
Charges of the Residency of Benares	1,63,085	1,61,690	2,27,997	2,50,944
Ditto of the Resident's, &c. Offices at Lucknow	78,618	1,14,742	76,045	1,43,981
Do. of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and Law Charges	4,70,603	11,09,018	7,42,732	6,09,857
Other Charges in the Civil Establishment	22,86,152	36,59,054	42,64,344	24,62,079
Total Civil Charges---C. Rs.	32,20,503	52,37,409	55,12,063	36,78,981
Military.				
Charges on the Company's Account, including Contracts, Contingencies, and King's Troops	1,63,93,583	1,50,43,244	1,40,28,694	89,95,064
Ditto on the Vizier's Account	53,67,483	58,22,715	57,27,600	52,59,648
Total Military Charges---C. Rs.	2,17,61,066	2,08,65,959	1,97,56,294	1,42,54,712
Marine				
Buildings and Fortifications	7,47,094	8,68,175	9,13,053	5,36,900
Revenue Charges, including Stipends, Jaghires and Commission	9,90,044	6,56,561	8,90,026	2,69,760
Customs, Charges of Collections	1,02,62,803	1,11,65,900	1,15,12,517	73,43,325
Salt Advances and Charges	6,18,309	5,98,696	6,02,594	2,32,000
Opium ditto and ditto	28,58,996	24,35,895	27,90,968	33,10,793
	12,83,040	12,20,000	11,47,676	10,35,930
Total Charges---C. Rs.	4,17,41,855	4,30,48,595	4,31,25,191	3,06,62,401

(b) The Total Military Charges by the Abstract Estimate of 1787-8, now before the House, are stated at C. Rupees 1,46,52,344; this includes the Expense of Buildings and Works, here separated, and the Commission on the Revenues to Field Officers, added above to the Revenue Charges, to make them conform to the other Years.

(c) The Charges of the Revenue Department appear, by the Estimate of 1787-8, to be reduced 10 Lacs of C. Rs. below the Sum limited for this Head of Expense by the Court's Orders of April 1785. The Jaghire to Lord Clive ceased from May 1784.

The Commercial Charges are not included above, being stated in the separate Account, No. 8 (a), to the Amount of C. Rs. 10,42,000.
N. B. It must be observed, that the Military Charges will be increased by the Addition made to the Cavalry in September last, and by the King's Regiment to be stationed in Bengal.

F O R T S T. G E O R G E.

AN ACCOUNT of the ANNUAL REVENUES of the East India Company, at the Presidency of Fort St. George, and the Settlements subordinate thereto, and in the Carnatic and Northern Circars, under the Heads of Mint or Coinage Duties, Sea or Land Customs, Subsidy from the Nabob of Arcot and Rajah of Tanjore, Land Revenues, and Farms and Licences, for Three Years, according to the latest Accounts; together with the latest Estimates of the same.

	1783-4.	1784-5.	1785-6.	Per Estimate 1787-8.
Coinage Duties	-	-	-	-
Sea Customs	6,046	5,171	4,790	3,600
Land Customs	40,282	52,690	49,020	77,864
Subsidy from the Nabob of Arcot	8,672	12,452	21,216	21,000
Ditto from the Rajah of Tanjore	6,98,529	6,08,923	5,49,000	(a) 7,30,000
Land Revenues	4,00,000	4,00,000	4,00,000	4,00,000
Farms and Licences	15,62,348	13,53,980	13,27,085	(b) 20,40,577
	75,392	85,619	69,199	not specified.
Total Revenues — Pagodas	27,91,269	25,18,835	24,20,310	32,73,041
			Deduct Charges	31,77,785
			Pagodas	95,256
			£. Sterling	38,102

(a) The Annual Subsidy from the Nabob by the late Treaty was settled at 9 Lacs of Pagodas, of which he is to pay Pagodas 6,80,000, and the Remainder (Pag. 2,20,000) is to be received from the Rajah of Tanjore; of the latter, the stated Kfits agreed on will yield, between 1st May 1787 and 30th April 1788, according to the Madras Estimate for that Period, only Pagodas 50,000, making, with the Sum to be received from the Nabob, Pagodas 7,30,000, the Total here inferred; but in future Years the whole Subsidy will be brought to Account.

(b) The Average Collections of Circars, from 1783 to 1786, were under 12 Lacs of Pagodas per Annum; the Receipts for 1786-7 were about 13 Lacs; they are estimated for 1787-8 at above 15 Lacs, including Part of the outstanding Balances.

The outstanding Balances of the Circars, on the 13th of April 1786, were Pagodas 9,60,334, after writing off what Sums appeared irrecoverable. On the 31st of July 1787 they had been reduced Pagodas 1,02,000.

AN ACCOUNT of the ANNUAL CHARGES defrayed by the East India Company, at the Presidency of Fort St. George, and the Settlements subordinate thereto, and in the Carnatic and the Northern Circars, diffusing the same under the respective Heads of Civil, Military, Buildings and Fortifications, and the Charges of collecting the Revenues and Customs, for Three Years; according to the latest Advices; together with the latest Estimate of the same.

	1783-4.	1784-5.	1785-6.	Per Estimate 1787-8.
Civil Charges	2,63,223	2,37,280	2,26,364	2,39,979
Military Charges on Account of the Company, including the King's Troops	31,13,411	19,64,835	17,42,019	(d) 26,51,079
Ditto of the Nabob	6,98,529	6,08,923	5,49,000	47,500
Buildings and Fortifications	28,648	50,584	1,18,091	2,39,245
Charges on the Revenues and Customs	1,51,787	1,63,155	1,03,272	31,77,785
Total Charges — Pagodas	(c) 42,55,598	30,24,777	27,38,746	
Deduct Revenues	27,91,269	25,18,835	24,24,310	
Nett Charges — Pagodas	14,64,329	5,05,942	3,18,436	
at 8s. per Pag. — £. Sterl.	585,731	202,377	127,374	

(c) In the Account presented to the House last Year, the Charges of Madras for 1783-4 were stated at Pagodas 31,58,982, and it was observed, in a Memorandum at the Foot of the Account, that for want of Materials, these Charges could not then be made up complete. — By the Books since received it appears, that they amount to near Pagodas 11,00,000 more than were then stated; and it is probable, that when the Books of the subsequent Years 1784 to 1786 arrive, the Charges will exceed the Amount here inferred for those Years.

(d) It must be observed, that the Military Charges will be increased in future Years, by the additional King's Regiment to be stationed at Madras.

Errors excepted.

East India House,
16th May 1788.

W. W R I G H T,
Auditor of Indian Accounts.

No. 3,

B O M B A Y.

An ACCOUNT of the ANNUAL REVENUES of the East India Company, at the Presidency of Bombay, and Settlements subordinate thereto, under the Heads of Land Revenues, Customs, and Farms or Licences, for Three Years, according to the latest Advices; together with the latest Estimate of the same.

	1782-3.	1783-4	1784-5.	per Estimate 1787-8.
Land Revenues - - Rupees	29,12,632	5,57,999	4,39,777	5,44,900
Customs - - - - -	6,97,240	7,96,247	6,39,372	6,31,701
Farms and Licences - - -	1,69,176	1,26,096	1,63,157	not specified.
Total Revenues, Rupees.	37,79,048	14,80,342	12,33,306	11,76,601

An ACCOUNT of the ANNUAL CHARGES defrayed by the East India Company, at the Presidency of Bombay, and the Settlements subordinate thereto, distinguishing the same under the respective Heads of Civil, Marine, Military, Buildings and Fortifications, and the Charges of collecting the Revenues and Customs, for Three Years, according to the latest Advices; together with the latest Estimate of the same.

	1782-3.	1783-4.	1784-5.	per Estimate 1787-8.
Civil Charges - - - - -	10,39,008	7,16,696	6,24,583	7,32,088
Marine Charges - - - - -	9,69,872	6,23,779	6,04,142	4,76,005
Military Charges, including King's Troops - - - - -	48,81,280	67,30,744	31,54,752 (a)	21,19,147
Buildings and Fortifications - - -	1,92,008	1,95,340	1,70,399	2,13,056
Charges collecting the Revenues and Customs - - - - -	2,78,360	1,78,251	91,899	1,10,949
Rupees	73,60,528	84,44,810	46,45,775	36,51,245
Deduct, Revenues -	37,79,048	14,80,342	12,33,306	11,76,601
Nett Charges, Rupees -	35,81,480	69,63,468	34,12,469	24,74,644
at 2s. 6d. per Rupee, £. Sig. -	447,685	870,433	426,558	309,339

(a) It must be observed, that the Military Charges will be increased in future Years, by the Two King's Regiments to be stationed at Bombay.

Errors excepted.

East India House,
16th May 1788.

W. WRIGHT,
Auditor of Indian Accounts.

No. 4.

AMOUNT of the BOND and other DEBTS of the East India Company, at their respective Presidencies and Settlements Abroad, according to the latest Advices; the Rates of Interest which such Debts respectively carry; and the Annual Amount of such Interest.

<i>BENGAL, 31st October, 1787, per Quick Stock; received per Busbridge.</i>					Principal.	Interest due to this Period
					Cur. Rupees	Cur. Rupees
Bond Debts, viz.---Amount on which Interest has ceased					45,118	3,866
Amount at 8 per Cent.					1,89,50,838	10,21,327
					1,89,05,838	10,25,193
Total					—	1,99,76,031
Deduct Bonds deposited by the late Governor General, which are to be carried to the Company's Account and cancelled					Prin. 77,500	} 90,500
					Int. 13,000	
						1,98,85,531
Certificates issued to this Date, bearing an Interest at 8 per Cent. per Annum, in which are included 81½ Lacs issued by the Board of Trade					1,63,24,460	
Computed Interest thereon, being the Amount outstanding, and issued since 16 August 1786, which is not inserted on the Quick Stock					9,60,240	
						1,72,84,700
Orders on the Treasury not demanded					—	1,20,963
Deposites					—	3,73,139
Due on Account the promised Donation to the Army by Sujah Dowlah, and on Bond to Mr. Frazer, which have been received from the Vizier					—	10,58,634
Bills granted on Benares not discharged					—	2,40,870
Arrears, Civil					2,55,968	
Military, including C. Rs. 3,08,641 on Account of Off-reckonings, and the Arrears to the King's Troops in Bengal					15,99,150	
Marine					6,479	
Revenue, of which C. Rs. 2,68,000 issuable in Certificates					4,55,433	
Commercial					93,457	
						24,10,487
Total Debts Bengal, C. Rs.					—	4,13,74,324
<i>MADRAS, 31st July 1787, per Quick Stock; per Ravensworth.</i>						
Bonded Debt, at 8 per Cent.					Pagodas	
Deposites - 8 per Cent.					20,83,451	1,15,000
Ditto - 6 per Cent.					12,000	363
					33,895	880
					21,29,346	1,16,243
Total Bonded Debts with Interest					—	22,45,589
Due on Account Deposites of Dutch Captors					—	1,45,700
- of Accountant General					—	} 4,630
- of Mayor's Court, &c. &c.					—	
Arrears, Civil					90,036	
Military					1,43,032	
Marine					69,829	
						3,02,897
Due for Ground taken and to be taken at Hog Hill, St. Thomé, &c. by the Quick Stock, Pag. 1,61,000; but by the Letter in the Military Department of					—	2,12,000
received from Madras, there is stated to be due on this Account, about					—	
Due to the private Creditors of the Nabob of Arcot, for their Share of Payments made by him					—	86,157
Total Madras Pagodas					—	29,96,973
Pagodas estimated, in the last Account received from Bengal, at 425 C. Rs. per 100 Pag.					—	1,27,37,135

BOMBAY, 30 April. 1787, per Quick Stock; per Ravensworth.

	Principal.	Interest.	Cur. Rupees
Brought over - Rupees	—	1,62,03,898	1,27,37,135
Bond Debt with Interest	—	2,31,919	
Due on Account Deposites	—	3,75,919	
Due to the King of Travencore	—		
Arrears, Civil	4,21,971		
Military	7,88,183		
Marine	2,76,849		
		14,87,007	
Total Bombay Rupees	—	1,82,98,735	
Batta 16 per Cent.	—	29,27,798	
		Cur. Rupees	2,12,26,537

BENCOOLEN, 1st January, 1787, per Quick Stock; per Kent.

	Dollars		
Paper Currency outstanding	—	2,56,460	
Bonds ditto	—	62,717	
Deposites	—	6,439	
Due to the Residents at the Out Factories	—	27,811	
Total Bencoolen Dollars	—	3,53,427	
at 2½ C. Rs. per Dollar	—	Cur. Rupees	8,83,567
Total Debts in India	—	Cur. Rupees	7,62,21,563

The Amount of the Bond Debts that has been subscribed on the Terms of the Court's Letter of 15th September 1785, being about 150 Lacks of Current Rupees, is not included above.

Annual Interest on the Bond Debts.

B E N G A L.			
On Bond Debt, Principal	Cur. Rs. 1,88,73,338	at 8 per Cent.	Cur. Rupees 15,09,867
Certificates	1,63,24,460		
Ditto, issuable for Revenue Arrears	2,68,000	Ditto	13,27,396
			28,37,263
M A D R A S.			
On Bond Debt, Principal	Pagodas 20,83,431	at 8 per Cent.	Pagodas. 1,66,674
On Deposites bearing Interest	33,895	at 6	2,034
On	12,000	at 8	960
			1,69,668
	at 425 C. Rs. per 100 Pagodas	C. Rs.	7,21,089
B O M B A Y.			
On Bond Debt	Rup. 1,62,03,900	at 9½ per C. Rs.	14,78,616
		at C. Rs. 116 per Cent.	C. Rs. 17,15,194
B E N C O O L E N.			
On Bond Debt and Paper Currency	Dollars 3,19,177	at 10 per Cent.	Doll. 31,918
		at 2½ C. Rs. per Dollar	C. Rs. 79,795
Total Annual Interest		C. Rs.	53,53,341

East India House,
16th May, 1788.

Errors excepted.

W. WRIGHT, Auditor of Indian Accounts.

No. 5.

An ACCOUNT of the EXPENCES of the Residency of Fort Marlborough and its Dependencies, for Three Years, according to the latest Advices, together with the latest Estimate of the same.

	1783-4.	1785-5.	1785-6.	Estimated.
Civil Charges - Spanish Dollars - - -	139,328	148,092	155,712	
Marine Charges - - - - -	14,308	11,511	13,845	
Military Charges - - - - -	85,188	78,861	85,862	
Buildings and Fortifications - - - - -	39,552	15,771	36,567	
Total Charges - S. Drs. - - -	278,376	254,235	291,986	
Revenues arising from Customs, Farms, and Licences - - -	10,672	10,672	9,000	
Net Charges - S. Drs. - - -	267,704	243,563	282,986	
at 5s. per Dollar - £. Stg. - - -	66,926	60,891	70,746	27,650

N. B. The Court's Orders, March 1785, directed the Charges of the Residency of Fort Marlbro' to be reduced to the Sum of £. 27,650; but no Advice is received of their being carried into Effect.

East India House,
16th May 1788.

Errors excepted.

W. WRIGHT,
Auditor of Indian Accounts.

No. 6.

An ACCOUNT of the EXPENCES of the Island of St. Helena, and the Factory of Canton, for Three Years, according to the latest Advices.

St. HELENA.	1784-5.	1785-6.	1786-7.
Civil Charges - - - - - £. Stg.	10,409	9,782	6,571
Military Charges - - - - -	14,136	13,753	18,521
Fortifications - - - - -	518	726	792
Total Charges - - - - -	25,063	24,261	25,884
Revenues, arising from Rents, Fines, Customs, &c. - - -	1,294	866	966
Nett Charges £. Stg.	23,769	23,395	24,918
CANTON.	1784-5.	1785-6.	1786-7.
Factory Charges - - - - - Tales	84,734	108,076	147,433
at 6s. 8d per Tale - - - £. Stg.	28,243	36,025	49,144

N. B. The Factory Charges at Canton are always added to the Goods Invoiced to Europe.

East India House,
16th May 1788.

Errors excepted.

W. WRIGHT,
Auditor of Indian Accounts.

No. 7.

ABSTRACT of the Estimate of the probable Resources and Disbursements of the Bengal Government, from 30th April 1787 to 1st May 1788.

TO BALANCE.		DEBTOR.	
Amount remaining in the following Departments on 30th April 1787.			
GENERAL DEPARTMENT.			
Civil	-	-	9,65,656 2 7
Military	-	-	3,47,911 10 10
Marine	-	-	13,299 10 2
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.			
In the Hands of the Chiefs and Collectors, and in the Khallah Treasury,			
Benares Treasury			
-		S. Rs. 42,55,347 11 10 1	
-		Batta, 16 per Cent. 6,48,855 10 3 1	
-		Benares S. Rs. 36,578 13 6	
-		Batta, 11 per Cent. 4,023 10 9	
		47,04,203 5 8	
		40,602 8 3	
		13,26,86 7 7	
		47,44,805 13 11	60,71,673 5 6
TO RESOURCES.			
GENERAL DEPARTMENT.			
CIVIL.			
Mint Duties		-	13,730 - -
Post Office Collections		-	1,04,400 - -
MILITARY.			
Army Subsidy		-	1,18,130 - -
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.			
Land Revenues.		-	52,59,648 6 9
Settlement or Demand for the present Year		-	-
Expected Collections, Account Revenues of former do.		-	-
Government Customs		-	-
		2,81,77,709 11 16	
		17,00,000 - -	
		S. Rs. 2,98,77,709 11 16	
		Batta, 16 per Cent. 47,80,433 8 18 2	
Benares Revenue		-	-
		Benares S. Rs. 40,00,000 - -	
		Batta, 11 per Cent. 4,40,000 - -	
		3,46,58,143 4 9	
		44,40,000 - -	
		3,90,98,143 4 9	4,44,75,921 11 6
TO EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS.			
GENERAL DEPARTMENT.			
CIVIL.			
For Bills to be granted the Puisse Judges of the Court of Judicature		-	2,49,260 - -
For Certificates to the Commanders and Officers of the Company's freighted Ships		-	5,00,000 - -
For Bonds to be granted in lieu of Certificates for Military Arrears from the Prefidencies of Fort St. George and Bombay, and for the Paper Currency of Fort Marlborough		-	9,35,000 - -

No. 7, continued.

For Bills to be granted to the Honourable the Court of Directors, in Obedience to their General Letter of 22d December 1786 — 58,000 — —
For Bills to be granted on do. in lieu of Bombay Certificates exchanged for Bengal Bonds, per Advertisement in the Calcutta Gazette of 28th June 1787 — — — 9,59,062 6 6

GENERAL BANK.

To be received in full of the Loan of 20 Lac From the Nabob Vizier. — — — 4,00,000 — —
Expected to be received on Account of his Debt 10,68,340 8 10
Do. — do. — for the Stipend of the Nabob Saudit Ally, and the Rohilla Stipends — — — 2,61,578 — —

Fyzabad 16 Sicca Rupees 13,29,918 8 10
Batta, 11 per Cent. 1,46,291 — 8

14,76,209 9 6

BOARD OF TRADE.

To be received from them on Account of Bank Post Bills issued to their Contractors — — — 3,32,889 2 8
Expected Receipts from the Sale of Imports — — — 7,11,000 — —

MARINE.

Expected Receipts from the Sale of Naval Stores — — — 56,21,421 2 8
— — — 20,343 — —

56,41,764 2 8

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Land Revenues.
For Fees formerly received by Officers of this Department — — — 60,000 — —
From the Sale of Opium — — — 18,00,510 3 —
Do. — Salt — — — 64,29,674 10 —
From the Department of Customs. — — — 58,000 — —
Fees formerly received by Officers of this Department — — — — —

S. Rs.
Batta, 16 per Cent. 83,48,184 13 —
13,35,709 9 2

96,83,894 6 1

BENARES REVENUE.

Expected to be received from the Rajah, in Part of the Balance due from him for the Fulfullee Year 1191 — — — 1,00,000 — —
— — — Ben. S. Rs. 11,000 — —
Batta, 11 per Cent. — — —

1,11,000 — —

97,94,894 6 1

To Excess of expected Disbursements

Current Rupees —

1,54,36,658 8 9

5,69,12,580 4 3
1,36,16,525 2 2

7,96,00,778 11 11

DEBTOR.

CREDITOR.

BY BALANCE.

Amount due to the following Departments, on 30th April 1787.

	GENERAL DEPARTMENT.			
Civil	-	-	-	24,295 8 —
Military	-	-	-	7,625 15 11 —
				— S.Rs. 2,525 13 — Batta, 16 per Cent. 404 2 —
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.	-	-	-	
BY DISBURSEMENTS.				

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CHARGES IN ARREARS.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL.			
Interest due on the Bonded Debt	-	-	1,03,396 7 4
Due from the Civil Paymaster's Office	-	-	60,000 —
Ditto - Ditto Post Master General's Department	-	-	8,700 —
Arrears ordered to be discharged from the Lucknow Treasury	-	-	3,29,480 3 —

MILITARY.

Paymasters to the Army

13,57,419 --

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Arrears due to the Officers, &c. of this Department	S. Rs.	2,95,009	15	18	1
Batta, 16 per Cent.		47,215	15	19	2

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CHARGES OF 1787-8.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL.			
Interest demandable on the Bonded Debt, estimated at	16,60,000	—	—
Ditto on the Certificate, estimated at	10,60,000	—	—
Sundry Charges	28,18,180	2	8
Supreme Court of Judicature	6,09,857	9	—
	<u>61,48,037</u>	11	8

MILITARY.

Paymasters to the Army

1,45,56,344	—
96,000	—
<u>1,46,52,344</u>	—

MARINE.

Amount of the Charges of this Department

5,36,900 — —
2,13,37,281 11 8

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Charges of collecting the Land Revenues	-	35,03,883	8	3
Government Customs	-	2,00,000	-	-
Fouzdary and Dewanny Adawlut, and Police	-	6,26,672	4	12
Stipend of the Nabob, and Pensions	-	19,93,000	-	-

S. Rs.

	S. Rs.	63,23,555	12	15
Batta, 16 per Cent.	10,11,768	14	16	3
		73,35,324	11	7

34850 8 8

CREDITOR.

No. 7, continued.

BENARES REVENUE.

Allowances of this Residency, payable in Cash, Benares S. Rs. 1,81,076 4 —
payable at the Presidency, in Certificates 45,000 — —

Batta, 11 per Cent. 2,26,076 4 —
24,868 6 2

2,50,944 10 2

75,86,269 5 9

2,80,23,551 1 5

3,11,24,862 11 8

BY EXTRAORDINARY DISBURSEMENTS, IN ARREARS.

CIVIL. GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Amount of the General Register of Certificates, and other Demands, Bonds
excepted, due to Individuals, in Circulation on 30th April 1787 — 1,69,24,654 10 11
Deposits due from the General Treasury 3,42,486 13 10
Ditto on Account of the Suitors of the late Mayor's Court 1,16,918 3 2
Amount of Certificates, &c. ordered for Payment, but not
applied for — 3,42,400 12 3
Ditto - of Bills drawn on the Benares Treasury, not yet
discharged — 8,06,415 — —
Ditto — of Post Bills issued by the General Bank to the
Contractors for the Investment — 10,67,401 1 3

26,75,622 — 6

1,96,00,276 11 5

6,478 13 —

1,96,06,755 8 5

MARINE.

Deposites of the Marine Pay Office — — —

DISBURSEMENTS OF 1787-8.

CIVIL. GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Supplies to the other Presidencies.

Fort St. George — 45,00,000 — —
Bombay — — — 35,00,000 — —
Fort Marlboro' — — — 3,500,000 — —
St. Helena — — — 20,000 — —
Canton — — — 15,00,000 — —
Prince of Wales's Island, exclusive of
Military Charges — 2,50,000 — —

1,01,20,000 — —

Certificates to be granted for the Remainder of the Loan,
from the Bank, per Contra — — 4,00,000 — —

BOARD OF TRADE.

An Account of the

Investment to be

exported in 87-8. 37,94,589 3 2

Do. Do. to be expor-

ted in 1788-9, ef-

tablished agreeable

to the Advances

made to the Con-

trafactors for the In-
vestment of the
Year 87-8, in the
Year 1786-7

32,05,410 12 10

70,00,000 — —

An Account of their Established and Con-
tingent Charges — — — —

10,42,000 — —

Do. of Arrears due in the Commercial De-
partment, on 30th April 1787 — — — —

67,150 1 5

81,091,50 1 5

68,351 9 3

2,10,926 5 10

Refident at Lucknow — — — —

Do. at Benares — — — —

GENERAL TREASURY.

Expected to be repaid the Attornies of
Mr. Frazer, on account of the Vizier's
Bond — — — —

1,48,184 11 6

9,33,087 6 8

Principal of Bonds subscribed to the Re-
mittance to be cancelled — — — —

10,81,272 2 2

1,99,89,700 2 8

MILITARY.

Rohilla Donation — — — —

King's Subfistence to 73d Regiment — — — —

Lord Clive's Donation — — — —

7,08,380 — — — —

1,09,128 — — — —

3,000 — — — —

8,20,508 — — — —

2,08,10,208 2 8

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Allowed for Balance of Revenue — — — —

Saltpetre Advances — — — —

Advances and Charges on Account of Opium — — — —

Do. do. of Salt — — — —

Government Customs and Drawbacks — — — —

28,22,335 2 5 2

47,817 13 10

7,49,509 4 15

28,54,132 5 14

3,00,000 — — — —

78,57,601 12 6

1,66,500 — — — —

80,24,101 12 6

2,88,34,309 15 2

4,84,41,065 7 7

7,95,65,928 3 3

7,96,00,778 11 11

Fort William,
Accountant General's Office,
28th Aug. 1787.

Errors excepted.

(Signed)

W. LARKINS, Acc. Gen.

East India House,
16th May 1788.

A true Copy.

W. WRIGHT,
Auditor of Indian Accounts.

Current Rupees

An ACCOUNT of the BALANCE of CASH which remained in the Treasury of the East India Company on the 1st Day of March 1787, and of their Receipts and Payments in England, from the 1st Day of March 1787, to the 1st Day of March 1788; together with an Estimate of the Receipts and Payments, from the 1st Day of March 1788, to the 1st Day of March 1790; distinguishing each Year.

Cash in the Treasury on the 1st March 1787 (Morning) including Bonds that may be issued, and exclusive of Duty on Tea - - -	£. 596,287	Paid for Customs - - -	£. 593,791
Received for Company's Goods sold - - -	4,840,957	Freight and Demorage - - -	819,811
Private Trade Do. - - -	450,414	Goods and Stores exported - - -	635,221
Charges and Profit on private Trade - - -	64,013	Bills of Exchange from China - - -	600,270
Customs on — Do. - - -	228,318	Ditto — from India - - -	758,719
of Government, for Interest, &c. - - -	126,000	Bullion exported - - -	682,716
for New Stock, Discount deducted - - -	9,747	Purchase of Teas on the Continent - - -	126,920
Alms Houses at Poplar - - -	6,282	Charges of Merchandize - - -	414,510
Bonds issued - - -	200	Proprietors of private Trade - - -	459,480
		Alms Houses at Poplar - - -	4,030
		Interest on Annuities - - -	84,010
		Ditto on Bonds - - -	87,150
		Dividends on Stock - - -	339,921
		Bonds paid off - - -	400
		last Payment to Government - - -	100,000
			£. 5,704,581
		Balance of Cash on the 1st March 1788 - - -	517,933
	£. 6,222,218		£. 6,222,218

ESTIMATE of Cash, from the 1st March 1788, to the 1st March 1789.

Cash in the Treasury on the 1st March 1788, (Morning) including Bonds that may be issued, and exclusive of Duty on Tea - - -	£. 517,633	Buyers of Tea returned - - -	£. 6,120
to be received for Goods - - -	5,350,750	Warrants passed the Court - - -	30,000
Ditto — of Government for Interest - - -	127,687	Bonds drawn to be paid off - - -	10,010
Ditto — Ditto — for Customs on Tea re- turned by the Buyers - - -	21,621	Customs - - -	567,600
Charges and Profit on Private Trade - - -	40,000	Freight and Demorage - - -	996,000
for Sale of £. 1,207,559.15. Annuities, agreeably to the 26th Geo. III. Cap. 62 - - -	845,291	Goods and Stores to be exported - - -	763,000
		Bills of { India £. 1,794,085 } - - -	2,309,470
		Exchange { China - 515,391 } - - -	650,000
		Bullion - - -	355,600
		Proprietors of private Trade - - -	50,000
		Tea purchased in Europe - - -	380,000
		Charges on Merchandize, including Supra Car- goes Commission and Interest on Loans - - -	490,000
		Dividends on Stock, &c. - - -	
		Government on Account of a Demand made for the Expences of his Majesty's Troops serving in India, and on Account of Victualling His Majesty's Fleet in India - - -	500,000
Balance deficient - - -	£. 6,902,982		£. 7,107,800
	204,824		
	£. 7,107,806		

ESTIMATE of Cash, from the 1st of March 1789, to 1st March 1790.

To be received for Goods sold before the 1st March 1789 - - -	700,000	Balance deficient on 1st March 1789 - - -	£. 204,824
Ditto - Ditto - between 1st March 1789, and 1st March 1790 - - -	4,350,000	Customs - - -	700,000
Ditto - of Government for Interest - - -	127,687	Freight and Demorage - - -	700,000
Charges and Profit on private Trade - - -	50,000	Goods and Stores to be exported - - -	770,000
		Bills of { India £. 1,407,000 } - - -	1,951,000
		Exchange { China - 544,000 } - - -	620,000
		Bullion - - -	380,000
		Charges on Merchandize, including Supra Car- goes Commission - - -	490,000
		Dividends on Stock, &c. - - -	300,000
		Exchequer Bills - - -	
Balance deficient - - -	£. 5,227,687		£. 6,115,824
	888,137		
	£. 6,115,824		

No. 8, continued.

Memorandum.

The Letter from the Board of Trade at Bengal, received the 29th Instant by the Bufbridge, states, that very considerable Damage has happened to the Mulberry Trees and Silk Worms, also to Houses, Looms, &c. belonging to various Manufacturers; in consequence of which the Imports from Bengal may probably fall short of the Supply of Goods estimated to be sold in the Years above mentioned.

In the above Account a Sum of £.1,270,000, only, is stated for Bullion to be exported to China; but as a further Sum of between three and four hundred thousand Pounds would be required to enable the Company to liquidate the Debt there, and to obtain the Teas which it may be necessary for them to purchase on the cheapest Terms, the Balance of the Account would be increased by that Amount against the Company.

East India House,
the 15th May 1783.

Errors excepted.

W. RICHARDSON,
Accomptant.

No. 9.

An ACCOUNT of the Sales of Goods from the East Indies, between the 1st Day of March 1787 and the 1st Day of March 1788, and the Amount of Customs, Freight, and Charges of Merchandize, paid or to be paid thereout; together with an Estimate of the expected Sales of East India Goods, from the 1st Day of March 1788 to the 1st Day of March 1790; distinguishing each Year, and the Amount of Customs, Freight, and Charges of Merchandize, to be paid thereout in each Year.

Amount of Goods sold between the 1st March 1787, and the 1st March 1788.	-	-	£.2,055,886
Customs paid and to be paid thereout	-	-	£. 504,768
Freight - Ditto	-	-	306,653
Charges of Merchandize Ditto	-	-	123,353
			<u>934,774</u>
			£.1,121,112
Estimate of expected Sales, between 1st March 1788, and the 1st March 1789.	-	-	£.2,345,090
Customs to be paid thereout	-	-	£. 578,715
Freight - Ditto	-	-	258,006
Charges of Merchandize Ditto	-	-	140,705
			<u>977,426</u>
			£.1,367,664
Estimate of the expected Sales, between the 1st March 1789, and the 1st March 1790.	-	-	£.2,450,000
Customs to be paid thereout	-	-	£. 645,015
Freight - Ditto	-	-	249,575
Charges of Merchandize Ditto	-	-	147,000
			<u>1,041,590</u>
			£.1,408,410

East India House,
the 15th May 1788.

Errors excepted.

W. RICHARDSON,
Accomptant.

No. 10.

An ACCOUNT of the Sales of the Goods from China, between the 1st Day of March 1787 and the 1st Day of March 1788, and the Amount of Customs, Freight, and Charges of Merchandize, paid or to be paid thereout; together with an ESTIMATE of the expected Sales of China Goods, from the 1st Day of March 1788 to the 1st Day of March 1790; distinguishing each Year, and the Amount of Customs, Freight, and Charges of Merchandize, to be paid thereout in each Year.

Amount of China Goods sold between 1st March 1787 and the 1st March 1788.	-	-	-	£. 2,818,728
Customs paid and to be paid thereout	-	-	£. 71,429	
Freight — ditto	-	-	442,249	
Charges of Merchandize	-	-	169,123	
				682,801
				2,135,927
Estimate of the expected Sales between 1st March 1788 and 1st March 1789.	-	-	-	2,626,540
Customs to be paid thereout	-	-	£. 50,730	
Freight — ditto	-	-	487,462	
Charges of Merchandize	-	-	157,592	
				695,784
				1,930,756
Estimate of the expected Sales between 1st March 1789 and 1st March 1790.	-	-	-	2,604,000
Customs to be paid thereout	-	-	£. 51,520	
Freight — ditto	-	-	453,448	
Charges of Merchandize	-	-	156,240	
				661,208
East India House,	Errors Excepted.			1,942,792
15th May 1788.		WM. RICHARDSON, Accountant.		

No. 11.

AMOUNT of the Bond and other Debts of the East India Company in Great Britain, as the same stood upon the 1st Day of March 1788.

To Bonds standing out, bearing Interest	-	-	-	£. 1,994,050
Additional Bonds in the Treasury that may be issued	-	-	-	2,550
				£. 1,996,600
To ditto — not bearing Interest	-	-	-	10,017
To Customs rated on Goods imported, and unrated on Goods sold, including Custom on Teas	-	-	-	448,700
Deduct what due on Account of Teas returned	-	-	-	21,618
				427,091
To Freight and Demorage	-	-	-	386,700
To Bills of Exchange, &c. presented, accepted, or advised from China	-	-	-	466,586
from India	-	-	-	2,993,655
from do. on Account of the India Debts,	-	-	-	
with Interest thereon	-	-	-	1,148,859
				4,609,100
To Goods and Stores exported	-	-	-	387,604
To Warrant passed the Court unpaid	-	-	-	30,000
To Supra Cargoes Commission on Goods sold	-	-	-	23,926
To Money borrowed of the Bank of England, for which the Exchequer Bills are deposited	-	-	-	300,000
To Interest thereon Six Months, due the 12th March 1788, at 4 per Cent. per Annum	-	-	-	6,000
To sundry Articles in the Department of the Committee of Shipping (exclusive of Exports)	-	-	-	15,328
To what owing for Teas returned by the Buyers, and re-sold	-	-	-	6,120
To Proprietors of private Trade	-	-	-	355,600
To Alms Houses at Poplar	-	-	-	15,516
To Interest on Annuities	-	-	-	58,205
To ditto on Bonds	-	-	-	50,679
To Dividends on Stock	-	-	-	67,266
				£. 8,745,752
N. B. The Sum due by Government to the Company is	-	-	-	£. 4,200,000
And the Sum due by the Company to their Annuityants	-	-	-	2,992,440
To which Amount the Company is authorized to extend their Annuity Debt, pursuant to an Act of the 26th George the Third	-	-	-	
East India House,	Errors excepted.			£. 1,207,560
15th May 1788.		W. RICHARDSON, Accountant.		

No. 12.

An ACCOUNT of the Cost, as per Invoice in China, of the Cargoes laden on the East India Company's Account in the Season, 1786-7.

Total Costs—Tales, 49,95,281, at 7s. 7d. $\frac{67}{100}$ per Tale, £. 1,894,238.

East India House,
the 22d May 1788.

Errors excepted.

W. RICHARDSON, Accomptant.

No. 13.

ACCOUNT of the East India Company's Exports to China in the under-mentioned Seasons, viz.

Seasons.	Goods and Stores.				Bullions.				Totals.		
	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
1765	73,842	6	0	-	294,526	2	8	-	368,368	8	8
1766	54,718	5	8	-	946	5	4	-	55,664	11	0
1767	136,383	16	6	-	-	-	-	-	136,383	16	6
1768	154,467	0	0	-	162,137	10	0	-	316,604	10	0
1769	179,245	13	6	-	233,045	12	8	-	412,291	6	2
1770	152,797	18	2	-	293,210	0	0	-	446,007	18	2
1771	147,082	6	1	-	199,615	6	8	-	346,697	12	9
1772	132,552	17	0	-	-	-	-	-	132,552	17	0
1773	80,050	15	8	-	-	-	-	-	80,050	15	8
1774	92,810	10	6	-	-	-	-	-	92,810	10	0
1775	99,113	10	6	-	-	-	-	-	99,113	10	6
1776	107,552	13	9	-	88,832	1	5	-	196,384	15	2
1777	126,232	4	7	-	-	-	-	-	126,232	4	7
1778	92,743	16	11	-	-	-	-	-	92,743	16	11
1779	104,846	12	6	-	-	-	-	-	104,846	12	6
1780	107,482	11	6	-	-	-	-	-	107,482	11	6
1781	141,734	9	7	-	-	-	-	-	141,734	9	7
1782	106,125	18	4	-	-	-	-	-	106,125	18	4
	2,089,783	6	3		1,272,312	18	9		3,362,096	5	0

Average for one Year 116,099 1 6

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N. B. The Stores for the Use of the Factory amount to about £. 2197 per Annum.

Errors excepted.

SAM. NICOLL, Accomptant.

No. 14.

An ACCOUNT of the Amount received at the several Prefidencies of Fort William, Fort St. George, and Bombay, for Sales of Import Goods and Stores, and for Certificates on the Court of Directors, within the last Three Years, according to the latest Advices; together with the latest ESTIMATE of the same.

	1782-3.	1783-4.	1784-5.	Per Estim. 1787-8.		1784-5.	1785-6.	1786-7.	Per Estim. 1787-8.
	C. Rs.	C. Rs.	C. Rs.	C. Rs.		C. Rs.	C. Rs.	C. Rs.	C. Rs.
Sales of Import Goods.					Certificates.				
Bengal	11,04,637	10,78,494	16,97,693	7,11,000	Bengal	4,09,32	3,48,335	5,72,892	5,00,000
Madras	8,25,078	11,11,821	8,98,675	8,07,500	Madras	-	31,900	-	1,49,000
Bombay	2,14,530	26,18,924	5,96,060	7,56,320	Bombay	3,48,825	64,443	43,821	none stated.
	21,44,245	48,09,239	31,92,428	22,74,820		7,58,757	4,44,678	6,16,713	6,49,000
Average of 3 Years.	C. Rs. 33,81,970				Average of 3 Years	C. Rs. 6,06,716			

The Sales of Import Stores cannot be ascertained.

N. B. Pagodas converted into C. Rs. at 425 per 100.—Bombay Rupees at 116 C. Rs. per 100.

East India House,
16th May 1788.

Errors excepted.

W. WRIGHT, Auditor of Indian Accounts.

No. 15.

An ACCOUNT of the Invoice of the Cargo of the Ship Queen, and of every other Ship arrived in England from any Part of India, since the 23d of January last.

From CHINA, at 7s. 3d. per Tale.						
	Tea.	China Ware.	Raw Silk.	Nankeen.	Sago.	Total.
Queen,	£. 31,168	£. 1,531	£. 15,718	288	—	£. 48,417
Dutton,	46,206	1,331	—	288	—	47,825
Royal Henry,	47,399	1,508	—	288	35	49,230
Northumberland,	42,431	908	—	320	—	43,659
	<u>167,204</u>	<u>5,278</u>	<u>15,710</u>	<u>896</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>189,131</u>

From BENGAL, at 2s. 3d. per Rupee.						
	Piece Goods.	Raw Silk.	Saltpetre.	Drugs.		Total.
Neerbudda,	£. —	£. —	£. 732	£. —	—	£. 732
Rodney,	126,664	51,587	5,698	2,410	—	186,359
Worcester,	60,672	93,179	5,009	15,033	—	173,893
	<u>187,336</u>	<u>144,766</u>	<u>11,439</u>	<u>17,443</u>		<u>360,984</u>

East India House,
the 8th June, 1784.

Errors excepted.

SAM. NICOLL,
Accomptant.

No. 16.

An ESTIMATE of the Sales of the Ship Queen, with the Freight, Charges of Merchandize, Customs, and other Charges thereon; also the estimated Nett Produce (exclusive of all Charges) of the Cargo of each other Ship arrived since the 23d of January last.

To prime Cost,	£. 48,417	By Sale of Tea,	£. 132,106
To Customs,	39,645	Ditto Raw Silk,	20,722
To Freight and Demorage,	44,000	Ditto China Ware,	3,500
To Charges of Merchandize, 5 per Cent.	7,816		
	<u>139,878</u>		<u>156,328</u>
Profit,	6,289	Discount, 6½ per Cent.	10,161
	<u>146,167</u>		<u>146,167</u>

The estimated Nett Produce (exclusive of all Charges) of the Cargo of each other Ship arrived since the 23d of January last is as follows:

From CHINA.

Ship Dutton estimated by the Queen as above	£. 47,825
Royal Henry ditto	49,230
Northumberland ditto	43,659

N. B. The Profit on the Queen being so very inconsiderable, not any is estimated on the above three Ships, as it is impossible to depend upon the Truth of such Estimates within so small a Sum; the Nett Produce is therefore stated at the Prime Cost of the Cargoes.

From BENGAL.

Ship Rodney estimated from the four Bengal Ships last sold	£. 179,837
Worcester - Do.	167,807
Neerbudda - Do.	707

N. B. It appears by an Estimate of the four Ships, by which the above Nett Produce of Cargoes is stated, that a Loss accrued of about 3½ per Cent. upon the Prime Cost of the same, at which Rate a Deduction is made from the Amount of the above three Cargoes.

East India House,
the 10th June 1784.

Errors excepted.

SAM. NICOLL,
Accomptant.

No. 17.

ABSTRACT of the Estimate of the Company's Debts and Credits, signed by Samuel Nicoll, Accomptant, and John Annis, Auditor of Indian Accounts, presented to the House of Commons, in November 1783.

DEBTOR.		CREDITOR.	
To what owing from the Company to the Annuitants	£. 2,992,440	By what is due from Government	£. 4,200,000
To Bonds bearing Interest	1,996,700	By other Debts due from ditto	422,011
To ditto not bearing Interest	11,592	By Cash and Bonds	609,954
To Customs on Goods sold and unfold	1,641,254	By Goods sold not paid for	553,258
To the Exchequer for the last Payment to Government	100,000	By the Value of Goods in England unfold	2,500,000
To ditto for a Loan of Exchequer Bills and Interest	302,587	By floating Stock from England	1,219,091
To Bills of Exchange, &c. unpaid	2,489,098	By Silver in the Treasury	1,090
To sundry Debts on Account of Trade	458,481	By what paid Owners of Ships not arrived in England	172,334
To Interest on Annuities, Bonds, and Stock	149,901	By the Value of Ships and Vessels not stationed abroad	12,300
To Half a Year's Dividend on Stock due at Christmas next	128,000	By the Value of the East India House and Warehouses	253,616
To Interest on Military and contingent Funds more than applied	72,639	By the Nett Balance of Quick Stocks at the several Settlements, after deducting all Debts owing by the Company in India and China	4,367,519
	£. 10,342,692		
Balance in favour of the Company	3,968,481		
	£. 14,311,173		£. 14,311,173

No. 18.

An ACCOUNT of the Debts of the East India Company in England, exclusive of Indian Debt, as they stood on the 1st of March 1787, and on the 1st of March 1788, and as they will stand on the 1st of March 1789, according to such Estimates as can now be made thereof.

	1st of March 1787. £.	1st of March 1788. £.	1st of March 1789. £.
To Bonds standing out bearing Interest	1,996,400	1,996,600	1,996,600
To ditto not bearing Interest	10,417	10,417	
To Customs	393,769	427,091	427,000
To Freight and Demorage	311,100	386,700	200,000
To Bills of Exchange from China	529,167	456,586	502,000
To ditto from India	3,585,997	2,993,655	1,443,000
To Goods and Stores exported	268,191	387,604	387,600
To Warrants passed the Court unpaid	26,300	30,000	
To Supra Cargoes Commission on Goods sold	19,873	23,926	24,000
To Money borrowed of the Bank	300,000	300,000	300,000
To Interest thereon	6,000	6,000	6,000
To sundry Articles in the Department of Shipping (exclusive of Exports)	62,202	15,328	15,300
To what owing for Teas returned by the Buyers	6,142	6,120	
To ditto for Teas purchased on the Continent	106,200		
To Proprietors of Private Trade	354,200	355,600	
To Alms Houses at Poplar	12,780	15,516	15,500
To Interest on Annuities	57,068	58,205	58,200
To ditto on Bonds	56,311	50,639	50,700
To Dividends on Stock	79,709	67,266	67,300
To the Public per Agreement	100,000		
If all the Payments shall be made as estimated in an Account now before the Honourable House of Commons, a Loan of about			
	£. 8,281,826	7,596,893	5,698,200

N. B. The Debt due from Government to the Company is £. 4,200,000
The Debt due from the Company to the Annuitants when the Annuitants shall be raised, will be £. 4,200,000

Errors excepted.

East India House,
21st May 1788.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON,
Accomptant.

GENERAL ABSTRACT of Three Statements of Quick Stock, exhibiting the State of the Honourable Company's Affairs, in their Prefidencies of Fort William, Fort St. George, and Bombay; as they stood at Bengal on the 31st July 1786, at Madras on the 31st January 1786, and at Bombay on the 30th April 1786.

	Fort William.		Fort St. George.		Bombay.		Total of the Three Prefidencies.	
	Bengal C. Rs.	Star Pagodas.	Bengal C. Rs.	Bombay Rs.	Bengal C. Rs.	Bombay Rs.	Bengal C. Rs.	Bombay Rs.
Cash	30,98,835 13	8	6,02,372 19 24	25,60,083 2 8	70,745 2 28	82,064 13 6	57,40,983 13 10	6,575 4 8
Bills receivable	42,30,717 11	7	1,457 3 60	6,575 4 8	11,91,598 1 89	13,82,254 4 —	73,48,930 9 7	3,48,553 31 5 11
Stores	1,57,03,658 15	5	4,08,460 30 21	17,35,958 10 —	55,22,398 1 48	64,05,982 2 6	44,46,186 12 9	36,60,610 9 1
Debts outstanding	44,46,186 12	9	29,98,985 34 42	1,27,45,090 4 —	5,73,748 1 82	6,65,548 3 —	20,65,949 6 9	5,81,24,567 14 7
Salt, Opium, Grain, &c.	27,16,681 12	1	65,501 12 53	2,78,380 10 —	2,53,449 1 49	2,94,001 4 —	—	—
Export Goods	6,06,604 8	9	2,74,198 18 15	11,65,343 10 —	—	—	—	—
Import Goods	3,08,02,685 10	3	43,51,066 10 55	1,84,92,031 9 4	76,11,940 — 96	88,20,850 11 —	—	—
Total of Affets	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Debts payable in England	20,949 5 4	—	—	—	—	—	20,949 5 4	—
Bonded Debts payable in India	3,33,86,581 9	3	22,63,220 31 42	96,18,688 11 8	2,36,56,142 2 83	2,74,41,125 9 3	7,04,46,395 14 2	—
Deposits, Arrears, &c.	55,82,691 13	11	18,82,382 3 35	80,00,123 14 4	43,75,308 1 17	50,75,357 9 3	1,80,58,173 5 6	—
Total of Debts	3,89,90,222 12	6	41,45,602 34 77	1,76,18,812 10 —	2,80,31,451 — —	3,25,16,483 2 6	8,91,25,518 9 —	—
Excess of Debts	81,87,537 2 3	—	—	—	—	—	3,18,74,169 9 9	—
Excess of Affets	—	—	2,05,463 11 58	8,73,218 15 4	—	2,36,86,632 7 6	8,73,218 15 4	—
Excess of Debts due by the Company	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,10,00,950 10 5	—

N. B. Exchange — Star Pagodas 100 — for 425 Bengal C. Rs.
Bombay Rs. 100 — — 116 Ditto.

Fort William.
Accountant General's Office,
the 7th Oct. 1786.

Errors excepted,

W. LARKINS,
Acc. General.

No. 20.

ABSTRACT of the Estimate of the probable Resources and Disbursements of the Madras Government, from the 30th April 1787, to the 1st May 1788.

TO BALANCE.		DEBTOR.	
CIVIL.			
Amount remaining in the following Departments and Offices on 30th April 1787.			
Prefidency	-	-	3,04,624 18 32
Cuddalore	-	-	8,495 8 33
Nagore	-	-	311 8 70
Matulipatam	-	-	1,53,854 1 10
Vizagapatam	-	-	19,385 14 72
Ganjam	-	-	14,560 32 38
Madepolam	-	-	60 11 72
Ingeram	-	-	191 16 73
			5,00,683 5
MILITARY.			
Prefidency	-	-	22,704 31 27
Tanjore	-	-	2,687 35 48
Matulipatam	-	-	8,238 21 38
Vizagapatam	-	-	10,647 33 73
Ganjam	-	-	4,213 6 11
			48,492 20 37
REVENUE.			
In the Treasuries at the Prefidency and Subordinates	-	-	75,474 1 57
			6,24,649 27 14
			26,54,761 --
TO RESOURCES.			
MILITARY.			
Army Subsidy of His Royal Highness the Nabob	-	-	6,80,000 --
Do. -- of the Rajah of Tanjore	-	-	3,00,000 --
			9,80,000 --
REVENUE.			
Land Revenues of the Current Year	-	-	20,62,044 26 7
Do. Account Balances of the last and former Years	-	-	1,12,763 4 72
Customs	-	-	1,02,404 28 12
			22,77,212 23 11
			32,57,272 23 11
TO EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS.			
CIVIL.			
His Highness the Nabob, on Account of his public and private Creditors	-	-	11,95,394 --
Expected Receipts from the Sale of Imports from Europe, and Grain, &c. in Store	-	-	3,86,592 --
Expected Receipts from the Prefidency of Fort William, for Bills to be drawn on that Prefidency for the Subsistence of His Majesty's Troops, to the Commencement of the Treaty with the Nabob of the Carnatic and Rajah of Tanjore, exclusive of those to be granted for Military Arrears	-	-	1,90,027 --

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Ditto - Ditto for Batta to the Subalterns and Privates who were Prisoners in the Myfore Country 97,000 -- --
 From the Sale of Rice to be received from thence in the Course of the Year 1,12,500 -- --
 Expected to be received on Account of the Privileges of the Commanders and Officers of the Europe Ships 4,05,527 -- --
 35,000 -- --

MILITARY.

Expected to be received from the Rajah of Tanjore on Account of his Arrears

20,22,513 -- --

2,35,823 40 8

22,58,336 40 8

Pagodas and Current Rupees

55,15,609 27 19 2,34,41,340 6 5

61,40,259 18 33 2,60,96,101 6 5

CREDITOR.

CHARGES IN ARREARS.

CIVIL.

Due to the Civil Servants 23,910 -- --
 Ditto from the Civil Store Keeper's Office 3,152 -- --
 Superintendent of the Nabob's Disbursements 891 27 1

MILITARY.

Contractor, for Repairs 45,000 -- --
 Military Store Keeper 27,088 2 8
 Gratuity to the Field Officers since January 1786 24,000 -- --

CHARGES OF 1787-8.

CIVIL.

Interest on the Bonded Debt 1,61,607 22 60
 on Deposits 2,993 24 50
 Civil Charges at the Presidency 1,85,305 -- --
 Ditto - at Cuddalore 5,577 -- --
 Ditto - at Nagore 5,000 -- --
 Ditto - in the Circars 52,589 -- --

MILITARY.

Paymasters to the Garrisons and Cantonments in the Carnatic
 Charges of the Nabob's Garrisons 13,74,847 -- --
 Extra Expence on Recruits 1,60,000 -- --
 Cantonments at Valanjabad 48,000 -- --
 Military Store Keeper's Disbursements 24,000 -- --
 Civil - Ditto, on Account of the Military 96,000 -- --
 Agent Victualler's Disbursements 16,000 -- --
 Committee of Works 52,919 -- --
 Garrison Store Keeper 15,000 -- --
 Gratuity to Field Officers 4,000 -- --
 Extraordinaries 21,000 -- --
 Cuddalore 1,06,000 -- --
 Nagore 12,196 -- --
 Circars 14,896 -- --
 3,49,559 -- --

CREDITOR.

27,953 27 1

96,088 2 8

4,13,072 11 30

1,24,041 29 9

5,27,177 3 2

12,190 — —
14,896 — —
3,49,559 — —

Cuddalore
Nagore
Circars

97,993 8 75

1,02,252 14 16

1,02,252 14 16

25,000 — — —
14,000 — — —

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CIVIL.

3, 14, 52, 32, 47

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To the private Creditors of his Highness the Nabob	-	8,37,478	3 33
On Account of the Current Year's Investment	-	3,87,449	— —

Bengal Redwood	-	-	6,000	-
St. Helena Stores	-	-	1,000	-

12,31,927 3 33

7,000 — —

Allowed for Balances of Revenues that may remain uncollected

26,843 — —

1,07,388 — —

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(A true Copy.)

Acc. Gen.

Auditor of Indian Accounts.

ABSTRACT of the Estimate of the probable Resources and Disbursements of the Bengal Government, from the 30th April 1786 to 1st May, 1787.

TO BALANCE.		DEBTOR.	
The Amount remaining in the following Departments and Offices, on the 30th April 1786.			
GENERAL DEPARTMENT.			
Civil	-	-	26,43,694 15 4
Military	-	-	4,56,472 15 1
Marine	-	-	4,478 2 2
			31,04,646 — 7
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.		S. Rs.	32,87,966 4 18
		Batta, 16 per Cent.	5,26,074 9 15
			38,14,040 14 8
TO RESOURCES.			
GENERAL DEPARTMENT.			
CIVIL.			
Mint Duties	-	-	15,783 — —
Post Office Collections	-	-	1,00,000 — —
Benares Revenue	-	-	44,40,000 — —
For the Allowances to Civil Servants at Lucknow, to be paid by the Nabob	-	-	69,086 6 5
			46,24,869 6 5
MILITARY.			
By Subsidy, and Allowances to the Military Servants, to be paid by the Nabob Vizier	-	-	45,77,973 — —
			92,02,842 6 5
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.			
Land Revenues of the present Year, as estimated by the Accountant General thereof			
Ditto of former Years	-	-	2,73,79,420 14 18 3
	-	-	10,00,000 — —
Government Customs	-	-	2,83,79,420 14 18 3
	-	-	17,00,000 — —
		S. Rs.	3,00,79,420 14 18 3
		Batta, 16 per Cent.	48,12,707 5 11 2
			3,48,92,128 4 6
			4,40,94,970 10 11

3,48,98,128 4 6
4,40,94,970 10 11

No. 21, continued.

TO EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL.

Draught on Europe.	
For Certificates to the Commanders, &c. of the European Ships	5,28,000 — —
For Bills to be granted for the Salaries of the Puisne Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature	2,49,260 — —
For Bills to be granted for Certificates to King's Officers, on Account of Military Arrears at Bombay	1,34,639 12 3

FROM THE NABOB VIZIER,

Expected to be received on Account of his Debt	10,00,000 — —
For the Stipends of the Nabob Mirza Saudit Ally, and of the Rohillas, and for Interest on the Sums obtained of the Bankers	6,63,625 10 9

O. S. R.	16,63,625 10 9
Batta, 11 per Cent.	1,82,998 13 2
	18,46,624 7 11

BOARD OF TRADE.

Expected Receipts for Import Sales	7,58,113 8 —
	35,16,637 12 2

MARINE.

Sales of Naval Stores

	3,384 15 —
	35,20,022 11 2

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

LAND REVENUES.

For Fees formerly divided between the Officers of this Department	1,15,000 — —
From the Sale of Opium	12,73,706 14 6 2
From the Sale of Salt	59,00,000 — —
From the Department of Customs	— — —
Fees formerly received by the Collectors	60,000 — —

S. R.	73,48,706 14 6 2
Batta, 16 per Cent.	11,75,793 1 13 1

	85,24,500 — —
	1,20,44,522 11 2

5,61,39,493 6 1

BY BALANCE.

The Amount due to sundry Officers of the following Departments, on 30th April 1786.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

CHARGES.

IN ARREARS.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL.			
Interest due on the Bonded Debt	-	-	86,378 13
Sundry Arrears Civil Paymaster's Office	1,44,500	-	-
Salary to the Puiñhe Judges, for which Bills of Exchange on the Honourable the Court of Directors are to be granted	-	45,320	-
Sundry Arrears Post Master General's Department	-	-	1,89,820
			6,900

MILITARY.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Arrears due to the Officers, &c. of this Department	Sicca Rs. 17,62,565 10 14 3
Batta, 16 per Cent.	2,82,010 8 2 1

CHARGES OF 1786-7.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL.				
Interest demandable on the Bonded Debt	-	-	12,83,142	6 4
Sundry Charges, estimated at	-	-	27,02,147	7 6
Civil Buildings	-	-	6,480	-
Supreme Court of Judicature, including Law Charges	-	-	6,73,706	-
			<u>46,65,475</u>	<u>13 10</u>

MILITARY.

Paymasters to the Army	-	1,49,62,263	-
King's Troops	-	3,72,000	-
Military Servants at Lucknow, to be paid from the Lucknow Treasury	-	49,173	-
		<u>1,53,83,436</u>	-

CREDITOR:

71,909	14	4
15,974	13	1

87,884 11 5

No. 21, continued.

CREDITOR.

MARINE.

Presidency	5,35,945 — —
Chitragong	34,392 — —

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Charges of collecting the Land Revenues	39,82,688	9	17	—
— of — Government Customs	2,00,000	—	—	—
— Fouldiary and Dewanny Adawlets, and Police	9,54,115	11	—	—
Stipends, &c. payable by the Resident at the Durbar	20,30,613	6	10	—

S. Rs.	71,67,417	11	7	—
Batta, 16 per Cent.	11,46,786	13	6	2

83,14,204 8 8

2,89,33,453 6 6

3,32,95,842 6 4

BY EXTRAORDINARY DISBURSEMENTS IN ARREARS.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL.
Amount of the Certificates, and other Demands (Bonds excepted) due to Individuals, in Circulation, on 30th April 1786, issued by the Governor General and Council
Deposits due from the General Treasury
Ditto - on Account of the Suitors in the late Mayor's Court at Calcutta
Due on fundry Orders thereon

1,92,276	9	5
1,16,918	3	2
1,51,267	11	8

1,20,76,902 9 3

4,60,462	8	3
63,600	15	2
2,42,182	5	6

1,28,43,238 6 2

Amount of Bills granted on the Accountant at Lucknow, for Remittance to Bombay
Ditto — Ditto on the Resident at Benares, for a Remittance to Ditto

DISBURSEMENT OF 1786-7.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL.

Supplies to the other Presidency.

Fort St. George	40,00,000	—	—
Bombay	40,00,000	—	—
Fort Marlbro'	2,50,000	—	—
Canton	15,00,000	—	—
St. Helena	15,000	—	—

97,65,000 — —

BOARD OF TRADE.

On Account of the Investment to be exported in 1786-7. - 80,04,750 — —
Allowance made for Excesses 3,95,250 — —

84,00,000 — —

On Account of their established and contingent Charges in 1786-7 13,08,013 8 —

No. 21, continued.

CREDITOR.

On Account of the Arrears due
in their Department, prior to
30th April 86.

2,60,126 3 5	99,68,139 11 5	1,97,73,139 11 5
Remissions to the Rajah of Benares, and Stipend of Nabob Mirza Saudir Ally	3,70,069 5 7	
Stipends to the Rohillahs	68,351 9 3	
	4,38,420 14 10	

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Allowed for Balances of Revenues that may remain uncollected	20,00,000 — —
Saltpetre Advances	48,348 9 9
Opium Advances and Charges	7,06,189 10 9 2
Salt - Ditto and Ditto	18,00,000 — —
Government Customs, Drawbacks	3,00,000 — —

Sicca Rs. 48,54,538 3 18 2
Batta, 16 per Cent. 7,76,726 1 18 -

56,31,264 5 10

2,58,02,825 — 1

3,86,46,063 6 3

7,19,41,905 12 7

Current Rupees - 7,20,29,790 8 —

Fort William,
Accountant General's Office,
the 12th August 1786.

Errors excepted.

W. LARKINS,
Accountant General.

No. 22.

ABSTRACT of the Estimate of the probable Resources and Disbursements of the Madras Government, from 30th April 1786, to 1st May 1787.

DEBTOR.

To Balance remaining in the following Departments and Offices, on 30th April 1786.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL.

Madras	-	-	-	3,46,173 22 46
Cuddalore Factory	-	-	-	3,552 21 46
Nagore Factory	-	-	-	2,778 18 35
Matulipatam Factory	-	-	-	22,702 25 61
Vizagapatam Factory	-	-	-	8,223 34 53

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No. 22, continued.

Ganjam Factory
Ingram Factory

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MILITARY.

Madras
Mafulipatam
Vizagapatam
Gangam

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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TO RESOURCES.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL.

Balance to be received from the Nabob on Account of the Arrangement

MILITARY.

Army Subsidy from the Nabob
Ditto from the Rajah of Tanjore
Ditto from Ditto - Arrears

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mint Duties
Sea Customs
Land Customs

Company's Jaghire and Southern Districts
Northern Circars

TO EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS.

For Sales of Imports, Goods, and Civil Stores.

Madras
Mafulipatam Factory
Vizagapatam Factory
Ganjam Factory
Ingram Factory
Ditto of Military Stores at Ganjam and Madras

2,20,843 23 15

39,68,384 10 31

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BY CHARGES.

CIVIL.

Interest on the Bond Debt and Deposits
Madras — Arrears
Do. Account Salary, Civil Payment, &c.

Cuddalore Factory
Nagore Factory
Madrilipatam
Vizagapatam
Gangan Factory
Inguram

MILITARY.

Madras
Cuddalore
Nagore

Madrilipatam
Vizagapatam
Gangan

Amount expected to be required for the new Cantonments at Wawlawjawbaad
Army Extraordinaries

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Madras
Cuddalore
Nagore and Nagapatam
Madrilipatam
Vizagapatam
Gangan
Committee of Circuit

Commission Fund of 5 P^g on the neat Collections allowed to the principal Revenue Servants,
by Order of the Board of 17th June 1786

BY EXTRAORDINARY DISBURSEMENTS IN ARREARS.

CIVIL.

Amount due to the Nabob's private Creditors out of the 5 Lacks received in January last
Remainder to be paid, on Account of ditto, 30th April 1786

Arrears due to the Merchants at Cuddalore on Money borrowed
Bills drawn on Nagore, which must be paid
Ditto on Vizagapatam Factory, ditto

		C R E D I T O R.			
		Pag.	F. C.	Pag.	F. C.
		—	—	1,73,581	23 3
		74,995	23 26		
		2,02,209	15 74		
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		—	—	6,970	41 22
		—	—	8,322	12 44
		42,998	33 76		
		15,308	5 46		
		8,446	24 —		
		5,446	— —		
		—	—	72,199	27 42
		14,66,847	— 58		
		12,000	— —		
		9,897	29 29		
		—	—	14,88,744	30 7
		2,22,090	14 49		
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		9,276	21 60		
		2,651	3 51		
		13,623	12 61		
		—	—	25,551	2 12
		50,479	11 64		
		11,770	30 32		
		11,428	20 44		
		27,000	— —		
		—	—	1,00,678	26 60
		—	—	85,827	— —
		—	—	2,12,056	28 72
		82,368	27 61		
		2,45,557	5 69		
		—	—	3,27,925	33 50
		—	—	6,165	27 63
		—	—	9,000	— —
		—	—	18,912	31 61
		—	—	3,62,000	21 14
		—	—	27,19,550	3 57

CREDITOR.

MILITARY.

Amount, which it is expected will be appropriated for providing Magazines of Grain for the Out Garrisons

BY DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1786.

Supplies to other Presidencies.

To Bengal
— Account current London
— St. Helena

Provision for an Investment to Europe.

Madras
Cuddalore

Malulipatam Factory
Vizagapatam Factory
Ganjam Factory
Injeram Factory

At the Presidency, Civil Storekeeper, Import and Export Warehouse Keeper

By Excess of expected Receipts

Fort William,
Accomptant General's Office,
9th Nov. 1786.

Errors excepted.

W. LARKINS, Accomptant General.

1,28,300 —	499,304 21 14
12,300 —	
1,08,000 —	
1,68,000 —	
2,76,000 —	3,11,750 31 62
23,450 31 62	
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	4,46,778 25 58
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